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Troops open fire in Karabakh

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet troops opened fire after being attacked with stones and hooting rifles in the disputed area of Nagorno-Karabah, killing one man and injuring six more, local officials said Wednesday. An official of the special Moscow commission now ruting Karabakh said five soldiers hard one officer were also burt in the incident late Tuesday latt. "The value of the beauty mostly stirred through stones and should be writed through a street and should be a fire beauty mostly stirred through a street and should be a fire beauty opened fire because people stirrted throwing stones and shooting. They have instructions to open fire in response to shooting," he told Reuters from Stepenskert, capital of Nagarno-Karabakh. Tension in the volatile region, which one official said threatened to become another Lebanon, is running bigh with an appearant and blacked and the March 1. ag high with an unresolved rail blockade and the discovery of illicit neuts. The commission staff member said the troops, luterior ous shipments. The commission staff member sun me troops, much at the commission staff member sun me troops, much at the commission staff member of the Karabakh Kirovahad when they were attacked. But a member of the Karabakh nastly Armenian enclave ee, which wants to split off the predd from Azerbaijan, said the troops opened fire for no reason after setting of

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Regent: Parliament will build comprehensive system

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, said Wednesday that the resumption of parliamentary life in Jordan was a step on the path of building a comprehensive institutionalised system and drawing up legislation capable of dealing with the constant dene velopments in the country.

Addressing a celebration held Wednesday at Hussein Youth City's Palace of Culture to mark the Prophet Mohammad's birthday, the Regent said that "the challenges facing us calls for a change in the patterns of behaviour and entering a new stage." Integrated and organised institutions and conscious citizens are the pillars of any healthy change, he said.

"We'll never get lost as long as we resort to institutional dialogue because such a dialogue serves as a means for reaching the right and leaving away the flamming pas-sions and hateful fanaticism," he

Jordan, "whose soil was wet with the blood of a number of the companions of the Prophet Mohammad, has become a resort for many people who have come to it to live freely and with

dignity.'

Hassan said, exists within the context of conciliation and unity. He pointed out that patience, transcending all differences and contradictions, adherence to the right and fending off oppression and injustice, are the pillars of the rule in Jordan. "All these factors have transformed plural-

ism into might and enhanced cohesion and solidarity," he said.
"They also contributed to enriching experiences and strengthening capacities, thus helping to make up for the shortage of resources in the country." "Constructive pluralism consti-

tutes a source of might and power, but destructive pluralism is a factor of split and division, which can be exploited by the enemies' and malicious people who harbour bad intentions for this coun-

Prince Hassan stressed that the normal relation between the ruler and the subjects "is based on trust, honesty and mutual confidence." He emphasised the importance of responsible dialogue in creating such normal and strong relations, saying that such a dilogue, if it is to be useful, "has its own language which we should

Phiralism in Jordan, Prince learn and its own approach which

we should follow "Some of the features of such a dialogue are that it is direct, frank, objective and free from any personal interests."

Prince Hassan called for deriving the lessons from the occasion of the Prophet's birthday and to utilise them in solving the problems and challenges.

It is high time we learnt from the essence of the Islamic law and fatwa issued by our good ancestors to deal with specific situations," he said. However, he said, provisions are not rigid but are flexible and thus should be well-conceived.

Other speakers on the occasion were Awqaf Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, General Mufti of Jordan Izzeddin Al Khatib, Royal Commission for Jerusalem Áffairs Chairman Akram Zuaiter and Armed Forces Mufti

Nooh Sulaiman. Zuaiter called on the Arab Nation to support the Palestinian unrising to enable the people there to resist Israeli plans to evict them from their homeland. Sheikh Khatib touched upon the elections in his speech and

called on all voters and candi-

Khatib stressed the importance of unity and faithful work and called for fending off hatred and differences which harm the in-



dates to work hand-in-hand to achieve common objectives and to counter the challenges facing

terests of the whole nation.

The celebration was attended by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah and Prince Faisl, Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi, His Majesty King Hussein's special advisor Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masaadeh, Cabinet ministers, the chief Islamic justice, the speaker of the Palestine National Council and

Israeli split blocks peace process — King

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

OTTAWA — The political paralysis resulting from the split in Israel's coalition government is impeding progress in efforts to settle the Palestinian problem, His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday.

The King, addressing a joint session of the Canadian partiament on the second day of a state visit to Canada, said that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had meanwhile fulfilled all the prerequisites to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

"The only remaining obstacles to a just peace is Israel's inability to reach a decision on the future of the Arab territories it has occupied by force for over 20 years," the King said.

Without naming any party in the Israeli coalition government dominated by the hardline rightwing Likud and the left-of-centre Labour Party, King Hussein, the first Arab leader to address a joint session of the Canadian parliament, said: "At present one half of the Israeli governing coalition favours a territorial compromise. The other half looks for ways to fulfil its avowed pledge to annex the territories, albeit in a camouflaged way to avoid regional and international repercus-

"Unable to achieve more than the lowest common denominator of poli-tical consensus, the Israeli govern-ment tries to mire the peace process in debates over modalities and procedures in order to gain time and forestall the moment of decision," said the King, who arrived here Tuesday along with Her Majesty Queen Noor and senior advisers.

The King said the Israeli plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories was convoluted and welcomed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's 10-point proposal as complementary to the plan.

The Mubarak plan, the King said,

"is not an alternative plan nor is a set of preconditions for dialogue." "The peace plan, as approved by the Israeli government in May, called for Egypt's assistance and the 10 points have in the spirit of the proposed process," he said. "We believe

peace process. Ironically, we now see the Israeli prime minister trying to derail the very process which he claims as his own brainchild."

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Regardless of everything, the King aid, the question that rema "Does Israel accept the application of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 to the Arab territories that it now occupies as they were applied to Sinai?"

The path towards an international peace conference on the Middle East will be open if Israel "were to accept this principle (of Resolution 242),

the King added.
Turning to Lebanon, the King de scribed the latest Arab mediation efforts to end the civil war there as encouraging and said: "We hope sincerely that the decision to form the banese security committee will be plemented, and that the committee will receive the cooperation of all

On the Iran-Iraq situation after eight years of war, the King said: "We are very keen to prevent the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran from becoming a hill, in which the two sides catch their breath in preparation for the next round."

Each one of these conflicts - the Lebanese problem and the Gulf war must be brought to a just, comp hensive, and lasting settlement, and it is imperative for the world community to help in this pursuit," the King

It was the second speech delivered by the King in Ottawa after his arrival. In his first speech, at a ban-quet hosted by Canada's Governor General Jeanne Sauve', the King eviewed the situation in the Middle East conflict, and emphas ment in the extensive international and regional attempts to formulate an acceptable approach that could bring peace to an area whose people have suffered for too long.

"Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank... allowed the Palestinian people and their PLO leadership to assume their responsi-bility and embark on a realistic and pragmatic course," he said. "Regrettably, the far-reaching and brave decisions taken by the PLO leadership were only met, so far, by Israeli

rejection and intrasigence."

The 22-month-old Palestinian uprising "is the only natural course defined by the logic of the human condition in which the right to self-determination is inalienable," the

On Lebanon, the King reaffirmed support for the efforts exerted by the ripartite Arab mediation committee and said that the Lebanese "must be given an opportunity to embark on a process of national reconciliation and cial system without any outside interference, to restore all the legitimate sovereignty of the state over all

Lebanese territory. The King paid tribute to Canada's support for the efforts to seek a peaceful resolution to international nd regional conflicts."

He voiced satisfaction with the growth of Jordanian-Canadian relations and cooperation, and expressed hope that "this cooperation will be gthened to our mutual benefits." In another address, delivered later Wednesday at the University or Otta-wa, the King made a brief review of the developments in the Middle East over the past decades and underlined that there had been a "substantive change in Palestinian thinking (which) must be examined very care

The Palestinians have made a historic compromise," he said. "They have set aside the dream of regain a homeland in the whole of mandated Palestine and are now willing to accept an independent Palestinian state in less than a third of that

Jordan's decision to disengage from the West Rank has led to a situation where "the future of the West Bank and Gaza must now be determined through negotiations between the immediately concerned," the King said. "We make no claim to the territories but stand ready to assist the Palesti-

and terror."

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nians in any way we can."

Welcoming the improvement in superpower relations and its positive impact on regional conflicts, the King said: "The sad fact remains that the exhilaration that progress on interactable issues can bring to war-torn regions hungry for peace and sta-

bility."
The King also referred to pressing international issues such as Third World debt and development and the

threat to the environment. Stressing the scarcity of water re-sources in the Middle East was a common adversity which warrants that the wiser course "would be to (see them) as a further incentive to peace, so that cooperation can replace competition, and all nations can share this most precious of resources in a manner more beneficial to all,"

Despite the fact that the regional as well as international situations were conducive, little progress has been made towards peace in the Middle East because of internal Israeli differences, the King said.

Pointing out that opinion polls have indicated that over half the Israeli people are not adamantly opposed to negotiating with the PLO, the King lamented that "the Israeli govern-ment has lagged behind international consensus and, to a certain degree, behind public opinion within Israel

"I believe that the peace process has been frustrated by the lack of clarity resulting from Israel's indecihe said. "I believe that once the Israeli government comes to grips with the objective conditions and new realities ... to the possibility of rapid progress in the search for peace in the Middle East will be greatly enhanced " he said

The King renewed the call for an atemational peace conference on the Middle East as the forum for Arab-Israeli negotiations and pointed out that progress made on resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict "will have a hugely beneficial effect on other un-

resolved conflicts in the region. The King and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney opened formai talks Wednesday. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the meet-ing was held at the King's residence in

Ottawa before noon Wednesday. During the meeting, attended by delegations from both sides and which included a working lunch, the King presented a detailed presenta-tion of the Jordanian stand towards Middle East issues while Mulroney voiced the readiness of his country to perform any role possible to advance the Middle East peace process as well as efforts to resolve the Lebanese

The King also met with Canadian opposition leader John Turner.

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - The military governor has cleared the way for court martials for all those involved in the Petra Bank affair, with charges ranging from fraud and embezzlement to misuse of funds and speculation against

the Jordanian dinar. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Tuesday Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, in his capacity as military governor, had ordered trial by the martial law authorities for "anybody, a bank employee, client or accomplice, who is found involved, directly or indirectly, in fraud, embezzlement, misuse of credit facilities, unjustified spending of the bank's funds, and speculation against the dinar and in the

Amman Financial Market." The news agency did not give any further detail of the case involving Jordan's third largest commercial bank, but said the military prosecutor general had decided to set up a special panel to conduct investigations as

soon as possible. Petra quoted Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi as saying that the CBJ was putting all documents and evidence it has on the case at the disposal of the court to allow the court to "reach a just and

fair decision on the responsibilities of the people who were in charge of the (Petra Bank) administration since its establishment and who brought the

bank to this dangerous situa-Nabulsi also said that the decision taken in last August by the government's Economic Security Committee to take control of Petra Bank and Jordan Gulf Bank and to merge the two banks had "positive results." He renewed the gov-

ernment's commitment to protect and bonour the deposits of the clients of the two banks, whether in local or foreign cur-In the clearest yet indication of the magnitude of the Petra Bank affair, Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh said Monday

that the problem was "much

worse than what we had envis-Investigations undertaken after the government took control of the two banks in August had unveiled that at least \$68 million were unaccounted for in circuitous operations involving Petra Bank, its absconding chairman Ahmad Chalaby, his brother Hazem Chalaby, two Jordan-based firms owned by the Chalabys and two other Chalaby-owned financial institutions based in Geneva as well as Petra Bank Internation-

al, Washington, an affiliate of

Petra Bank, Jordan The two Jordan-based com-

panies, which Jardaneh identified as Abhara Trading and Rimal Trading, had borrowed a total of \$60 million from Petra Bank and its affiliates but the transactions were not recorded, Jardaneh said in the first substantive official comments on the case. "The funds were transferred on (Ahmad) Chalaby's instructions," Jardaneh "But they were not re-

corded in Petra bank books." In addition, Chalaby himself, who left Jordan under mysterious circumstances shortly after the takeover and remains outside the country, had gradually withdrawn funds to the tune of \$8 million since 1980 from the two Geneva-based institutions, Mebco, which is under liquidation, and Socofi, according to the minister. The withdrawals were purportedly in favour of Petra Bank Amman, but again without records,

Jardaneh said. Rejecting Ahmad Chalaby's claims in the international media that Petra Bank was not in the danger of insolvency at the time of the takeover, Jardanch said the bank was borrowing from the CBJ "in Jordanian dinars and sending the money abroad to support (its) operations outside Jordan." He said the takeover decision came when it was found that Petra

Bank borrowings from the CBJ were funnelled out of the country and the bank was unable to meet with a requirement that all commercial banks deposit 35 per cent of their foreign exchanges with the CBJ.

Petra Bank could not "provide a single dollar... or an explanation," Jardaneh said.

According to "well-informed d by the Finar cial Times, the group of com-panies and banking institutions built up by the Chalabys may have accumulated losses of more than \$250 million inside and outside Jordan.

Jardaneh said the CBJ had pumped money to support Pet-ra Bank after the takeover. He did not disclose any figures, but reaffirmed that the government was determined to protect the bank's depositors.

Chalaby, who'is believed to be somewhere in the Far East, has been calling up the Fmancial Times in London, several American newspapers and international news agencies, including the Reuters office in Amman, to lay counter-claims to the charges levelled against him. In an obvious reference to statements attributed to the Iraqi-born banker, Jardaneh said Monday that Chalaby had received sympathetic treatment in the foreign press, but added: "He does not deserve it."

Deadlock threatens Lebanese parley

TAIF (Agencies) — A deadlock over Syria's military presence in Lebanon Wednesday threatened to undermine a meeting of Lebanese legislators struggling for a settlement to their country's sectarian bloodshed, fuelled by foreign interventions.

Sixty-three parliamentarians. 33 Christians and 30 Muslims, are in Taif seeking a peace plan in closed-door meetings that began 12 days ago. The 10 other surviving members of the 99-seat house have failed to attend.

"They were making slow progress but when it came to the crunch, each faction raced in upping its demands to the hilt said one of the sources speaking on condition he not be named.

Hardline Christians opposed to Damascus had conceded that a ouick Syrian withdrawal would leave a security vacuum and allow unruly militias to take control of 70 per cent of Lebanon now

under Syrian control. But they insisted that six months was enough to restore povernment authority, demanding written guarantees for a total Syrian withdrawal from the country at the end of that period.

Edmond Rizk, a Christian parliamentarian, said any agreement in Taif will need "recourse to elements that carry weight in the Lebanese arena. "This is vital, because the par-

ties on the ground are more concerned than anyone else with the armed conflict," he added, referring to the Muslim and Christian militias. Muslim parliamentarian have

confronted the Christian demands by upping proposals for stripping the president, tradi-tionally a Maronite Catholic, of more powers.

Rizk commented: "We are determined that the president must be a president in the meaning of the word... not because he belongs to this sect or that, but because he is president of not break out immediately. Lebanon.' Muslims, who had reluctantly accepted that the president also

holds the post of commander in chief of the armed forces, withdrew their consent in recent days as the arguments increased over Syria's role. The Christians are arguing

against a proposal for a phased Syrian pullout from Beirut to be completed in two years, with no firm guarantees or timetable for a total evacuation from the rest of the country.

On Tuesday acting Speaker of Parliament Hussein Al Husseini suspended meetings because of the wide gap between Muslims and Christians on the balance of power between president, Sunni Muslim prime minister, cabinet and legislature.

But Wednesday deputies said informal overnight contacts had paved the way for new meetings, possibly Thursday.

"We managed to loosen some of the knots," a sleepy member of parliament said. Despite delays and setbacks, parliamentarians say they have

not desnaired of success. "I thought of packing my bags and flying back to Beirut but the weight of the Arab commitment to the talks made me change my mind," a former prime minister told Reuters.

The talks are part of an Arabsponsored peace process which last month ended six months of. fighting between army chief Michel Aoun's mainly Christian army and Syrian troops an allied leftist and Muslim allies.

A Beirut diplomatic source said Aoun felt his anti-Syrian strategy as increasingly vindicated the nearer the Taif talks came to a breakdown.

The diplomatic source said Aoun felt confident that he could get the U.N. to intervene against Syria if the Taif talks failed but Aoun believed the fighting would

any failure in Taif. The commit-He said most Western powers, tee's work on the political reforms is making no headway bein line with the Saudi request for cause the Christians say they canassistance, were telling Aoun the not agree to anything before the Taif talks were a last chance for peace and he should cooperate to

withdrawal issue," he said.
One deputy said it should be help them succeed. Syria said Wednesday the Taif clear Saturday how much longer meeting was "the last chance to the talks would continue. Syrian troops have been in save Lebanon from nightmare

Lebanon since 1976 under an Arab League peacekeeping man-The official newspaper Tishrin date. Christian leader Michel said the presence of Syria's 33,000 troops was "necessary to ensure stability and security in Aoun charges Damascus violated its mandate by backing the Mnslims in the civil war. The diplomatic source said

The Muslims and Svria have Aoun made clear, however, he insisted that Damascus should withdraw its troops only after a political settlement of the civil

war has been achieved. The Christians have insisted on "Syria, if it wants, can make a guarantees for a Syrian pullout strong case for blaming Aoun for within six months

On the Occasion of The Prophet's Birthday **ARAB BANK** has the honour to convey to his majesty king hussein and to the Jordanian people its felicitations and

most cordial wishes.

Likud launches bid to torpedo Baker plan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Hard-liners in Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc began a drive Wednesday to try to force the government to reject a U.S.-sponsored meeting of Israeli, Egyptian and American officials that could lead to Israeli-

Palestinian talks. The hardliners, led by three Likud cabinet ministers, said acceptance of the plan put forward by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker would result in pressure on Israel to agree to talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and

swapping territory for peace. Baker has proposed that Israeli, Egyptian and American officials meet in Washington to work out the terms for Israeli-

Palestinian talks in Cairo. "It seems to me that Baker's involvement will lead to a very heavy and unnecessary hand, one of the hardliners. Economic

Minister Yitzhak Modai, told israel radio. What will be the fate of Judea and Samaria' (the West Bank)? This is the key question," he said. "The position of the Liked is that Judea, Samaria and Gaza are part of the land of

The Librar hardiners, led by Indus-

try Minister Ariel Sharon, called an informal meeting of the party's gov-erning central committee Wednesday night to build opposition to Baker's

proposal.

Israel radio said that Shamir was asked the rebels to cancel the session. saying it would complicate the politic-Baker put forward his proposal after the 12-member, decision-mak-

ing inner cabinet split Friday along party lines and rejected an Egyptian offer to host Israeli-Palestinian talks

Shimon Peres, the Labour Party leader and finance minister, said the Baker proposal was similar to the Egyptian proposal and his party is ng to accept both.

Israel radio broadcast what it said was the five-point U.S. framework. Reporting from Washington, the radio said the five points were: - All sides agree that an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue must be held.

- Egypt will consult Palestinians on the composition of the Palestinian delegation but will not speak on their

- Israel will attend a Cairo meeting only if it is satisfied with the composition of the Palestinian delegation.

— The Criro meeting will focus on Israel's election proposals but Palestinians may raise other matters.

The foreign ministers of Egypt and Israel may meet Baker to coor

Syrian MiG-23 lands in Israel

AMMAN (Agencies) — Israel said Wednesday a Syrian air force pilot had defected to the Jewish state with a Soviet-made MiG-23 fighter plane, but Damascus said the plane had made an emergen-

cy landing in Israel because of mechanical problems. The pilot, who was on a training mission, "defected" to Israel by flying over the Golan Heights and landing at a civilian air field in Israel's north, the Israeli army said. But Syria said the pilot did

not defect and asked the Red Cross to assist in his return. "This morning a Syrian pilot escaped from Syria with his plane, a MiG-23, and he landed safely in Israel. ... The pilot is safe," Raanan Gissin, an Israeli

army spokesman, said.
"He defected to Israel and that's a fact," Gissin said, adding that it appeared to be "for personal reasons." The aircraft was "detected by

the Israeli air force and landed

here, Gissin said. He refused to answer questions about whether the Syrian craft was escorted by Israeli aircraft or penetrated sophisticated air detences as it crossed the Golan

The pilot, identified as a 34-year- the MiG-29.

ed before noon (1000 GMT) at an airfield used by crop dusting planes at Megiddo, 90 kilometres

north of occupied Jerusalem, an army communique said Israel Radio said a second Syrian MiG-23 landed near the Egyptian Mediterranean port of

Alexandria.

In Damascus, a senior official said a Syrian MiG-23 had made an emergency landing in Israel because of mechanical problems. He said Syria had asked the Red Cross to arrange the return of the The official made no mention

of a second jet and Egypt denied that a Syrian plane had landed Israeli military experts said the advanced version of the MiG-23 could provide valuable informa-

tion for the Zionist state and the

North Atlantic Treaty Organisa-

tion (NATO). The MiG-23 is a single-seat, swing-wing fighter bomber. It has a range of 850 kilometres and can carry up to 8,000 kilomgrammes in bombs and missiles.

It is a mainstay of Syria's air force, though the country also has the Soviet's most advanced craft,

Cairo coffee shop talks focus on desire for Palestinian statehood

By Sara Al Gammal Reuter

CAIRO - Cairo's dimly-lit coffee houses have become backstreet talk shops where Arabs from the Israeli-ruled territories met the PLO to thrash out strategy to achieve Palestinian statehood.

"We have learned how Israelis think," one leader from the occupied West Bank said. He asked not to be named.

"That is why it is very important for us to relay this to our representatives (abroad) so we can coordinate policies."

The coffee shop conferences are a world apart from the tabletop talks which frequently characterise efforts at Middle East diplomacy in government minis-tries or plush hotels.

But the debate, which often goes on until dawn, is every bit as

appeals to

Amnesty

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LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International appealed Tuesday to

The visitors - from the territories or from Tunis where the PLO has its headquarters change hotels frequently for security reasons and seldom say openly where they can be found.

Egypt has been trying to persuade Israel to accept an invitation to the first direct Palestinian-Israeli talks.

Israeli officials said Tuesday U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has invited the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers to Washington to break the Middle East stalemate.

Egyptian officials have refused to comment on the proposed three-way meeting following Israel's rejection last Friday of the Egyptian offer to host Israeli-Palestinian talks

Ten years after its peace treaty with Israel prompted an Arab Egypt and the Palestinians living tories."

boycott, Egypt has reemerged at in the Israeli-ruled territories the forefront of international attempts to solve the Palestinian

The only Arab state to make peace with Israel, Egypt is closely allied to the United States and enjoys warm links with Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Arafat is a frequent visitor, and has a number of relatives living permanently here.

Didn't the presence of an Israeli embassy deter Palestinians from using Egypt as a meetingplace?

"We feel at home in Egypt," said one Palestinian lawyer from Gaza. "It has a soothing effect on us. The Egyptian authorities are very understanding and bend over backwards to help."

The rapprochement between

dates back to the start of the intifada (uprising) against Israeli rule in December 1987.

The Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv played a key role in helping Palestinians get permission to leave the occupied territories to

visit Egypt, the visitors said.
"I think the Israelis are prepared to turn a blind eye (to the Palestinians' presence in Cairo) every now and then, if only for the sake of their international image," said one visitor.

Some Palestinians said the PLO paid their bills if they could not afford to stay in Cairo out of their own pockets.

"The fact that the Israeli flag flies over its embassy in Egypt doesn't bother us," said a Palestinian. "After all, the Israelis are everywhere in the occupied terri-

Rocket hits bus station in Kabul killing 23

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A rocket has hit a crowded bus station in the besieged Afghan capital, killing 23 people and injuring an undetermined number. Radio Kabul reported.

The official radio, monitored in Islamabad, described a grisly scene of blood, fragmented bodies and people crying. It said five surface-to-surface

rockets hit Kabul Tuesday, the eve of the Afghan celebration of the birth of the Prophet Mohammad 1,409 years ago.
"People, including children, women and old men, were re-

turning home from work or shop-

ping" when the rocket exploded,

the radio said. It said the rocket was fired "most probably" by puritan

U.S.-backed Muslim guerrillas

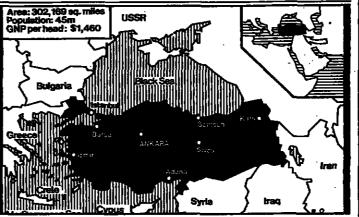
fighting to topple Kabul's Soviet-backed government. The celebration of the

Prophet's birth depends each year on the sighting of the moon. Afghans will celebrate the event Wednesday but other Muslim countries may celebrate later this

Afghan guerrillas, who are struggling to oust the communists and establish an Islamic government, also are aided in part by some Gulf states.

Official Kabul media often report that mercenaries, in addition to Pakistanis and sometimes even Americans, are fighting against them on Afghan soil.

Washington has flatly denied that U.S. military personnel ever have fought in the 11-year-old Afghan civil war.



Turkey thinks Kurdish rebels forging closer relations with Tehran

ANKARA (R) — Turkey believes Kurdish rebels are flirting with radical Islamic ideology and forging closer links with Iran.

Turkish officials said the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) had set up training camps in Iran and moved its nerve centre to Lebanon from Syria after Damascus signed a security protocol with Ankara in 1987.

"Connections with Hizbollah (Party of God) are not out of the question," one official told Reuters, referring to the Iranian-

itself as a tolerant group towards fundamentalism and not against religion," said one.

Tehran.

cost nearly 2,000 lives.

The officials put the PKK's fighting strength at about 1,000 men, up from an estimated 500 two years ago when the group was split over a policy of killing

since May has been involved in numerous clashes with security forces in south eastern Turkey. Iran gives PKK rebels Iranian Revolutionary Guard uniforms to wear in Iranian bases overlooking

civilian identity cards, the officials said. Ankara says the PKK has at

least two training camps in Iran near its rugged borders with south east Turkey and Iraq.
The Turkish official said: "It is hard to say who is helping the

PKK but Iran is not a place that can be compared with Lebanon where you don't know where the power centre is." He said PKK leader Abdullah

Ocalan, a political science drop-

out from Ankara University in

the early 1970s, now spent most of his time in Lebanon where Syria controls the Bekaa Valley. His previous base was in The PKK's major Mahsun

Korkmaz training camp, named after a rebel killed in Turkey in 1986, is in the Bekaa. PKK activity for Syria has

...e Minister declined since Turgut Ozal went there in 1987 after a period of frosty ties.

"The Syrians are keeping a low profile as far as connections with the PKK are concerned. Infiltration continues at a lower level but groups of 20 to 50 have been detected crossing," one official said.

Ozal said on Oct. 1 that Ankara doubted whether Syria was abiding by terms of the security protocol and threatened to reduce the flow of water to Syria from the 1,355-kilometre Euphrates, which also passes,

through Iraq.
"There is definitely a lessening of PKK activity (from Syria) but I cannot say that Syria is not involved in any way," the official said, adding that some Syrian nationals had been captured in Turkey after crossing the border with rebels.

On the other hand the Iraqi army appeared to be turning a blind eye to PKK rebels entering Turkey via a 30-kilometre deep no-man's-land on the Iraqi side of the border, officials said.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Iran. Soviet Azerbaijan agree on trade

MOSCOW (R) - Iran and the southern Soviet republic of Azerbaijan have signed a protocol on exchange of consumer goods and the establishment of joint ventures, TASS has reported. Conclusion of the accord in Bakin, capital of the republic, came three months after the Soviet Union pledged to help boost Iran's defence capability as part of a joint declaration to improve ties between the two countries. TASS said the protocol provided for exchanges of consumer goods from a list agreed by both sides and implied transactions would be on the basis of countertrade. Proposed joint ventures include projects to produce unspecified consumer goods as well as food processing.

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Maghreb states create committees

ALGIERS (R) - North African states of the Arab Maghreb Union have created four specialised ministerial committees to help integrate their economies, the Algerian News Agency (APS) reported. Officials of the union set up committees on food security, economy and finance, infrastructure and human resources at a two-day meeting in Algiers which ended Tuesday night. Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia and Libya formed the union last February to spur development and counter the emergence of a united Europe in 1992. APS said the union's follow-up committee also discussed relations with regional and international organisations including the European Community, the Maghreb states' main trading partner. "The focus was on the need to defend Maghreb citizens in the EC countries," APS said. Some two million immigrants from the Maghreb states work in Western Europe. The meeting also discussed preparations for the next summit of union states which APS said was one to take place in Tunis in Japuary.

Sudan appeals for relief aid

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan has appealed for relief aid for its western regions of Darfur and Kordofan after the failure of crops there. The official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) said the appeal was made by the country's military leader, General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, when he met representatives of the European Community in Khartoum. Inadequate rains led to poor harvests this year in western Sudan, where about six million people live. The region has also been affected by tribal conflicts.

Iranian ends European wheelchair tour

NICOSIA (R) — A disabled Iranian athlete has returned to Tehran after travelling 17,000 kilometres through 21 European countries in a wheelchair. The Iranian News Agency (IRNA) quoted Hossein Nikzaban, 31, as saying in a welcoming ceremony that he meant to show by his endeavour that "the disabled are capable of doing whatever the able-bodied can." Nikzaban set oiut in April but interrupted his tour to return to Iran after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in June so that he could take part in the spritual leader's memorial meeting, said IRNA, monitored in Nicosia.

the government of Somalia to mark the 20th anniversary of and escort of Kuwaiti tankers at the height of the Gulf war. President Mohammad Siad Barre's coming to power with major "I think exactly the same situalegal changes to safeguard human tion would exist in the event of an attack on Kuwait by anyone. If The international human rights Kuwait came to the United States group said it has been concerned for several years for the East

African nation about which it has documented a persistent pattern of gross violations. These include imprisonment of prisoners of conscience, torture and ill-treatment, detention without trial and unfair trials, extra-

judicial executions and the use of

the death penalty, it said. Amnesty international called Somalia to scrap national security laws that ban some forms of legitimate freedom of expression, that provide for indefinite detention without trial and have permitted "grossly unfair" political trials ending in death sentences.

It said impartial investigations into alleged extraindicial executions were urgent, as were safeguards to prevent more such executions. The human rights group said

that in late 1988 and again this ear the government released hundreds of political prisoners, but other suspected government opponents and political prisoners remain detained, including two who have been jailed for more than 10 years.

An Amnesty International delegation visited Somalia in June for the first time in 20 years, and said it received assurances from Siad Barre and other government officials that they would cooperate in protecting human rights. However, Amnesty said, sever-

al prominent government critics were arrested July 13 in Mogadishu, the capital. They included Ismail Jumaaie Ossobleh, a lawyer known for his defence of political prisoners, and Abdul Kadir Aden Abdullah Osman, a former cabinet minister and son of Somalia's first president. Both are being held without

charge or trial in the National Services Headquartes in Mogadishu. Amnesty International said it regards them as prisoners of conscience.

Americans would help Kuwait if attacked — U.S. commander KUWAIT (R) - The head of that... I don't think we need naval convoy escorts through the

U.S. forces in the Gulf said Wednesday the United States would probably go to the rescue of Kuwait if it were attacked.

"I think (we would respond) just as when Kuwait came to us and asked us for help with the tankers," said General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commanderin-chief of the U.S. Central Command, referring to the reflagging

and asked for our help I think the United States would help," he told a news conference. "But there is no formal alliance

or agreement or anything like

that." he added. Kuwait came under Iranian missile attack during the war until

the 1988 ceasefire. Schwarzkopf had been asked to verify press reports that the United States had pledged to assist Kuwait if attacked.

Kuwait backed Iraq during its war with Iran and diplomats said it was now hoping to convert the goodwill generated into an agreement to chart their common

During the eight-year-long Gulf war, Iran fired missiles at ships in Kuwaiti anchorages and raided its vessels plying the Gulf. In response to a plea from Kuwait, the United States reflagSince the ceasefire, the United

States has gradually reduced its Gulf presence from a peak of more than 30 warships to about Schwarzkopf said the United

States would further reduce the size of its fleet, but would maintain a presence in the Gulf. "The principal problem is that

there is no war, no peace," he said, but added that the situation in Iran looked more stable.

Several rounds of talks between Iran and Iraq have ended in deadlock and the nations' armies still face each other across a no-man's-land along their ged 11 Kuwaiti tankers under the Stars and Stripes and provided mutual border monitored by U.N. peacekeepers.

siles were also being designed to

chemical weapons.

Bonn cannot confirm Libyan missile report The Sunday Correspondent, in conventional warheads, the mis-

BONN (R) — West Germany has said it could not confirm that 100 West German engineers were helping Libya to develop missiles capable of hitting targets in North

West Germans were in a camp in the Libyan desert taking part in the project, code-named Ittisalt. "The federal government cannot confirm the figure given in the press that around 100 German technicians are working on a missile project in Libya," Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann

said in a statement. "It does not

newspaper has criticised Turkey

for deporting a Muslim preacher

and said Tehran should not trust

government is not its first anti-

Îslamic, anti-Iranian gesture, nor

is it the least likely to be its last,"

the Iranian News Agency

(IRNA) quoted the daily Jomhuri

Eslami as saying.
"What ranks more important

than that is for the Islamic Re-

public (of Iran) to watch her

north western neighbour more

vigilantly and remember that the

secular regime in Turkey... is not

Hojatoleslam Sabri Hamedani,

prayer leader of an Iranian mos-

que in Istanbul, was put on a bus

to be trusted."

Amman Intern. 827981, 685326.

This gesture by the Turkish

Ankara's secular government.

have such information.

its latest edition, quoted U.S. intelligence sources as saying the missiles would have a range of up to 720 kilometres, putting Egypt, Chad and even a NATO base in Britain's Sunday Correspon-Sicily within their range. dent newspaper reported that 100 Haussmann said that as far as

> range. "Trials there achieved distances of less than 100 kilometres," he said. where the West German informa-

tion came from.

Iranian paper blasts Turkey

plane instead.

NICOSIA (R) — An Iranian by Turkish security forces Friday newspaper has criticised Turkey after he attacked Saudi Arabia

for expelling Muslim preacher

The statement did not say

The British paper said the pro-

ject was in a research and de-

for executing 16 Shi'ite Muslim

Kuwaitis for exploding bombs in

Mecca in July.
IRNA, monitored in Nicosia

said Ankara made Hamedani suf-

fer a long road journey despite an

Iranian request that the "old and

feeble" preacher be sent home by

It quoted him as saying on arrival in the north western city of

Tabriz Monday that Ankara de-

ported him "mainly to please the

Hamedani, an Iranian citizen.

said the Turkish authorities

feared the spread of teachings of

Iran's late spiritual leader,

Ayatoilah Ruhollah Khomeini,

among young Turks.

Saudis and the Americans."

velopment stage. Apart from ly delivered to Libya.

On Monday, the chief West German public prosecutor in Munich, Friedrich Bethke, denied he had told the paper he was investigating whether West German companies were involved in Bonn knew, rockets being tested in Libya did not have such a long

a Libyan missile project.

Bethke said there was no such investigation and the remarks in the report had been the result of a misunderstanding.

Haussmann said the state prosecutor had been investigating other claims for some time that parts for missiles had been illegal-

Iranian leaders have vowed

Iran's revolutionary leaders

have maintained good relations

with pro-Western Turkey, but

ties have been troubled by fric-

tion between Tehran's theocratic

system and Ankara's secularism.

critic of Iran's close relations

with pro-Western countries in the

region, said Hamedani's deporta-

tion could be linked to political

infighting ahead of the Turkish presidential elections this month.

But it added: "Perhaps it

would be wiser to say that those

who share the power in Turkey

work for one and the same pur-

pose, that is fulfillment of U.S.

Jomhuri Eslami, a frequent

vengeance against the Saudis for

the beheadings.

backed Shi'ite Muslim militia active in Lebanon. The officials said intelligence reports showed that Iran was trying to influence the PKK

ideologically and infiltrate it with offers of support.
"We think the PKK is not resisting the overtures out of hand. The PKK is trying to paint

operating in a strongly Islamic area of secular Turkey facing Iran, Iraq and Syria, follows friction between Ankara and

Iran in September denied a Turkish press report of anti-Tur-kish activities on Iranian terri-

The PKK, seeking autonomy for an estimated eight million Kurds in Turkey, has stepped up guerrilla activities this year in a five-year-old struggle that has

other Kurds in remote villages. The PKK has regrouped and

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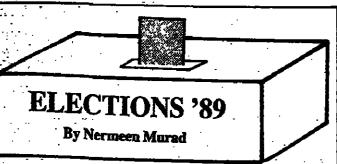
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A candidate in the capital ordered 50 mansals (Jordanian lamb and rice dish) for one of his election parties. A large number of the invitees did not show up and rumour has it that half of the food was given away. (Another indication of compassion for the poor). Perhaps it was the Samueh rather than aversion to the candidate that was behind the poor turnout

The active "Youth candidate" had a full day Wednesday, he visited new mothers at four hospitals in the capital and presented them with flowers stapled with his card. He visited 70 mothers, distributed 500 cards to their relatives and hospital staff, and discovered a new statistical indication; there are more little girls than little boys in Amman's maternity wards.

The same candidate had a car accident the other day in front of the Trade and Industry Ministry. His accident was "well timed" — at exactly the minute the working day ended, 2:00 o'clock. The staff of the ministry recognised the candidate and he quickly brought out his business cards and started distributing. Business as usual.

Needless to say, this youth candidate, has printed a very large number of cards - 30,000, no less. He says he has distribu 28_000 already.

A doctor candidate in the Third District paid his JD 500 to the Ministery of Finance as part of fulfilling the prerequisites for candidacy, but the candidate cannot find his name in any of the

An affinent candidate has contracted a lawyer to pick up voters cards in his constituency. The lawyer agreed but is charging the candidate JD 1 for each card.

There are 36,000 female voters in the Thrid District in the capital, but all projections indicate that none of the women candidates will win. Is all this the effect of living in a male dominated society?

A prominent Kurdish Jordanian maintains that Kurds number about 14,000 in Jordan and he is demanding a seat for them in the Jordanian parliament. Rumour has it that the Assyrians will follow

Groupings with clear political inclinations have been approached to minimise the number of their candidates in the Nov. 8 elections. The source, who refused to be identified, said that one of these "parties" has been advised to reduce the number of its candidates from 28 to 12, while another was advised to cut the number of its

Many candidates and voters are asking those who might win the Nov. 8 elections to introduce a law which would ask earlier ministers and public officials suspected of corruption, "where did you get this from?"

The Third District was described by one of its candidates as "a bourgeois district in which the rich, the professional and the merchants live." The Third District, the candidate analysed, "is a capitalist district. Since "capital" is coward, it needs stability and calm and therefore. ize and therefore it will only vote for the person who can aintain status quo."

One of the strongest debates among candidates themselves is the concept of political parties in Jordan and whether we should all want "imported thoughts" to become legal in the country. The argument for legalising them goes as follows: Imported thoughts are like imported weapons, they become Jordanian once they are in Jordanian hands.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

KING RECEIVES CONGRATULATORY CABLES: His Majos ty King Hussein Wednesday received congratulatory cables from high ranking government officials on Prophet Mohammad's birthday anniversary. (Petra)

REGENT CONGRATULATES SPAIN: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday sent a cable to King Juan Carlos of Spain, congratulating him on his country's National Day and wishing him and the friendly Spanish people further progress and prosperity. (Petra)

ALL LIQUOR STORES TO CLOSE THURSDAY: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh Wednesday ordered the closure of all wine shops, bars and night clubs throughout the Kingdom as of Wednesday night and until Friday morning. The closure order was taken on the eve of Prophet Mohammad's Birthday amniversary. Masa deh also called on all restaurants and parks not to offer any liquors during this time. (Petra)

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- * An exhibition of Islamic scripts at Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts.
- * An exhibition marking the 1st centennial of the Effel Tower displaying photographs, drawings and pictures demonstrating the tower in all its aspects at the French Cultural Centre.
- $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Bsoul at Alia Art Gallery. Az art exhibition entitled "Multiples Regards" displaying
- lithegraphs of Picasso, Matisse, Miro, Braque, Cocteau and Le Corbusier, at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- A As art exhibition by Fund Missi and 'America Klaus Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural Cantre.

As Follon film entitled "La Classe Opraia Va in Paradiso" Heya Arts Centre -- 7:00 p.m.



Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi Wednesday receives the visiting minister of housing in the Soviet Autonomous Republic of Kabardino Bulkariya, Vladimir Mustafa, in Am-

Lawzi, Soviet leader discuss ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper sians, Chechens and Daghistan House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi Wednesday reviewed with the visiting Minister of Housing in the Soviet Autonomous Republic of Kabardino Bulkariya Vladimir Mustafa the existing bilateral relations between Jordan and the Soviet Union.

Lawzi praised Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy and the reforms he has embarked on and lauded his sincere and dedicated efforts on the disarmament

groups descending from Circas- other's culture.

and others from the Caucasus and the central Soviet Asia republics, saying that they form part of the Jordanian family and that they have true belonging to this family.

Lawzi called for opening up

further channels of communication between Jordan and the Soviet Union, because such channels form a cultural bridge through which the two nations can exchange cultures and experi-

Lawzi noted the importance of Lawzi voiced pride that Jordan the exchange of visits in making has, as part of its populations,. the two peoples aware of each

Mustafa paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's policy saying that it was behind the security and stability which Jordan enjoys.

He pointed out that the open

door policy, being adopted by the Soviet leadership has started to pay off in the various Cancasus

He expressed the hope that direct flights be run between Jordan and the Caucasus region in order to facilitate means of communication between the Arab World and the peoples in that Soviet region.

Mustafa is accompanied by a four man delegation.

Candidates gear up for elections

By Rana Sabbagh Reuter

AMMAN (R) — Election fever is spreading in Jordan a month ahead of a poll which will give voters their first chance in 22 vears to choose a new parliament.

Aspiring candidates are feasting voters and upstaging rivals, hoping to capture the imelight as individuals. Political parties have been banned in Jordan since 1957, so candidates of all persuasions must stand as independents.

Some hold informal rallies or appeal to their constituents' stomachs, throwing feasts of mansaf, the national dish.

"I went to a lunch where the host had slaughtered 150 sheep to feed his guests. Then he explained his election plan," said a resident of Fuheis village just outside Amman.

Strictly speaking, parliamentary hopefuls are banned from campaigning until they register formally as candidates three weeks before the Nov. 8 election.

But many of the estimated 1,000 who plan to compete for the 80 seats in the new assembly are avidly wooing electors and haggling over electoral lists with their allies and rivals.

"There's a new atmosphere," one Wetern diplomat said. "Everybody is talking politics and

holding endless meetings." His Majesty King Hussein dis-solved the previous Lower House, in which West Bank deputies held half the seats, just before cutting Jordan's ties with the Israeli-occupied territory in

July 1988. Parliamentary hopefuls are printing manifestos and preparing

Jordanian makes new finds in heart diseases

CAIRO (Petra) — A Jordanian researcher has found that the severe or gradual blockage of the aorta, the accumulation of fats or the smoking-related nicotine are the major reasons for sudden

Dr. Sami Khawaldeh said in a thesis he presented at the University of Cairo to get his Masters Degree, that the main reasons behind such mortality are the psychological tension and the hard work. He added that men are more likely to die suddenly from heart related diseases than

Dr. Khawaldeh, who got his Masters Degree in Forensic medicine from University of Cairo, based his conclusions on the finding of scientific, practical and anatomical research for the heart and blood vessels.

As a result of his studies he found out that men are four times likely to die from heart related diseases than women. Khawaldeh said that there is a

link between the mortality rate and age. "The older one is the higher the rate will be." However, he noted, the rate drops after 60, although it contimes to rise in Cairo because of congestion and environmental

notices for newspapers — which have shrewdly raised their adversaid Walid Abdul Hadi, president tising fees - to be used when of the Jordan Bar Association. official campaigning gets under who plans to stand for elections. Aspiring candidates are unveil-

ing their programmes at seminars and panels organised by charitable societies, professional associations or women's groups, rented a house to receive guests which often turn into lively public and installed two computers for

Rival candidates sometimes their electoral district.

be used for campaigning. But doors," he said. some preachers are referring to the election in their sermons and urging the faithful to vote for Islamist candidates.

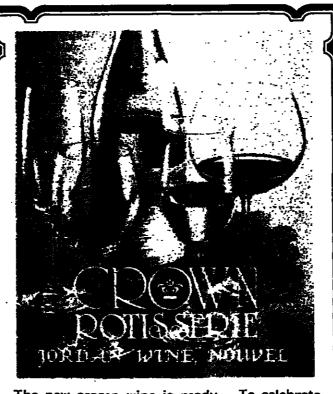
Three weeks of formal campaigning is not enough for the people to get to know their candi-

Another candidate, who has his campaign, agreed.
"With such limitations, you can

slip in to these events, slyty hand- sell your ideas only by receiving ing out business cards that name or visiting people, going to social neir electoral district. gatherings, using your social posi-Mosques are not supposed to tion and knocking on people's

Prospective candidates serve Arbic coffee and sweets when they receive voters at their offices

ASSAD RECEIVES FRENCH ENVOY: Minister of Higher Education Dr. Nassereddin Al Assad received in his office Wednesday French Ambassador to Jordan Dennis Bouchard and discusse with him Jordanian-French relations in cultural and educational fields and ways to bolster and promote them. (Petra)



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Citizens are the core of security process — Fuheid

AMMAN (Petra) - Public Security Department Director Major-General Fadel Ali Fuheid Wednesday said that every citizen is entitled to enjoy security and stability and that it was the duty of the PSD to ensure this right for them.

However, Fuheid noted, with the citizens' who are the core of the security process.

Addressing graduates from the of organised crimes in Jordan, criminal investigation course for but said that the available eviofficers and graduates from the dence and the new developments advanced English language on the crime scene requires serious course for officers, Fuheid said and thorough examination on the that scientific and cultural prog-ress and the technological developments have contributed to dimensions and sources objecdeveloping the tools and methods tively. of crimes.

"This entails the development of security theories and the scientific methods in order to cope with the new situation resulting from the development of methods and tools for crimes,

He pointed out that the PSD guaranteeing these rights entails has realised this fact and has full awareness of the dimensions of security work and its develop-institutes to prepare the qualified ment and credibility in dealing security cadres, who can deal with the new technology. Fuheid dismissed the existence

> part of public security, in an effort to probe its reasons, "The credibility of the public

security system lies in its ability to discover and counter crimes, using civilised methods in exploring and dealing with it," the PSD director said.

Also addressing graduates at the Police Academy was its



Director Brigadier Mohammad Al Busoul, who said that the successive changes in the social fields reflect on the security situation and "adds additional responsibilities on the public security system, particularly in the field of preparing the human resources."

At the end of the celebration Fuheid awarded certificates to participants and prizes to those who excelled in the courses.

Election candidates must pay all taxes, dues to treasury — Masa'deh

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masa'deh Wednesday asked the Tax Department director to collect tax money due from those wishing to run for the coming parliamentary elections or to settle their debts to the treasury before Nov. 8.

The elections laws specify that the candidate should have settled all his debts to the treasury. Also it is an agreed-upon convention that the candidate should be an example for voters.

Ministry of Interior sources said that the ministry will publish the names of those who will not pay or settle their tax dues in the local press.

Masa'deh Wednesday called at the Amman Governorate, where he met with heads of the constituencies, in the presence of Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin and Salameh Hammad. governor at the Interior Ministry and supervisor of the elections.

Masa'deh listened to reports on the distribution of voter cards in the various constituencies. He stressed the importance of collecting the voter card, which entitles voters to cast their votes made a tour of the various card conviction by some people that it

The minister called on the officials in charge of the constituen-cies to provide the necessary facilities to voters and informed them of the ministry's decision to expand the office hours for those in charge of distributing the voter

The staff dealing with voter cards will work two shifts to ensure the delivery of cards to the



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masa'da'a Wednesday tours voter card distribution centres at Amman Governorate. Also present are Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin and Salameh Hammad, who will supervise the elections (Petra photo)

Masa'deh also issued directives calling on all staff to work the whole week, including holidays and Fridays.

in the forthcoming parliamentary distribution centres in the gov- is still early to go and pick ther: Amman Governor Mohammad

out of 345,000 cards have so far been distributed to citizens in the Amman Governorate. Hammad attributed the low

However, he called on all Ali Al Amin said that the number potential voters to take photos with them when collecting their of voters who have so far collected their cards is still low. He cards.

AYYOUB MEETS WATANABE: Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyonb Wednesday received Japanese Ambassador to Jorda. Makoto Watanabe. The discussions dealt with trade relations and the prospects of financing supply projects in Jordan. (Petra)

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Bloody search

AS MANY parties concerned about the Palestinian conflict keep on searching for an acceptable formula for composing a Palestinian delegation to meet with an Israeli one, the blood of many Palestinians continue to be shed. For every day of delay, if not for every hour, more Palestinian lives will be lost. To drive home this tragic situation, two Palestinians lost their lives Monday and two more died on Tuesday as the intifada entered its 23rd month. The Monday toll took the lives of 32-year-old Ghassan Hudhud and 75-year-old Ahmad Sarwan. On the same day a five-year-old girl, Iffat Nassar, was shot in the head by Israeli soldiers. Her condition has been described as extremely grave. On Tuesday the name of 16-year-old Alikawi and 18-year-old Nidal were added to the list of martyrs. Thus the list of names killed at the hands of Israeli soldiers is indeed long and is getting longer everyday. And the longer it takes Israel to agree to the inevitable the more blood will be spilt. For sure two or more Palestinians will be killed today and two more tomorrow and so on.

So while governments debate the issue of who may speak on behalf of the Palestinians, more and more innocent Palestinians get murdered one after the other in an endless chain of massacre. Yet there is no one to speak out and ask the human question: For what end this senseless killing and for what purpose this absurd procrastination? Should not the name of the child Nassar who must be now internally bleeding to death serve as a conscious awakening for all those who cold-bloodedly argue over semantics in big salons and conference halls about who should speak for the Palestinians? How many more Nassars or Hudhuds or Nasrans or Nidals or Alikawis must be wasted away before common sense prevail and humane consideration of political disputes becomes the first priority?

We said it before and we say it again: Let the Palestinian side say clearly and loudly, for all to hear, that no one will be allowed to argue or waste time over who will present their case before any other party, including Israel, and that the ne has its own prerogative and anything else will be rejected out of hand. Enough is enough of this maddening game over an issue that need not and should not have arisen in the first place except in the minds of those who do not entertain good thoughts on the peace process. If real positive intentions to resolve the Palestinian conflict through negotiations are lacking, then it would be more expeditious to face the facts right from the start and act accordingly. Any other course would be self-deceiving and counter-produc-

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Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Wednesday again took up the King's address to the nation last Saturday dwelling in particular on the question of elections and the need to avoid all forms of acrimonious campaigns that could reflect a bad image. The paper said that all candidates have the right to their campaigns that should be held in a brotherly and national atmosphere reflecting a democratic attitude and contributing to a general positive atmosphere in the Kingdom, Candidates, the paper added, should maintain mutual respect and should help maintain cohesion within the Jordanian family rather than cause rifts within the people's ranks. The paper noted that King Hussein wanted to direct attention of both voters and candidates to the fact that election means an exercise of democracy and one that should be held within the constructive spirit of the Jordanian atmosphere.

Al Dustour daily quoted parts of King Hussein's address to the nation last Saturday in which he underlined the importance of the Arab Cooperation Council as a tool, paving the ground for an all-out unity among the Arab countries. The paper said that the coming Lower House of Parliament in Jordan will be entrusted with the task of paving the ground for such unity through enhancing close ties with the other members of the council grouping Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen in addition to Jordan. The paper said Jordan has always been endeavouring to fulfil the aspirations of the Arab Nation in unity, and has indeed succeeded in bringing consensus and agreement among Arab leaders at the Amman Arab summit meeting in a bid to bring the Arab countries closer together. The coming parliament in Jordan, the paper added, is looked on to enhance this policy and to create stronger ties among Arab countries. This policy was reaffirmed by King Hussein in his address which emphasised the role of the Arab Cooperation Council and said that the four-council members are now in the process of forming a joint committee designed to pave the ground for a unified parliament.

Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily tackled the Israeli government's position with regard to the Egyptian 10-point peace plan for Palestine. The paper said that one does not feel surprised over Israel's rejectionist stand because Israeli leaders, whether from the Likud or Labour have over the past two decades refused many peace bids designed to establish a lasting peace in the Middle East. Simply Israel does not seek peace with the Arabs because the present situation allows it to hold on to the Arab land, the paper noted. It said that any compromise solution by the United States would not appease the Arabs because they would definitely be based on Israeli ideas. What is needed urgently now, said the paper, is an all-out Arab pressure on Washington to make it clear that a total peace based on Israel's withdrawal from Arab lands is the only bid that can be acceptable to the Arab Nation.

Not exactly black and white

By Abdullah Hasanat

THE SUBJECT of Jordanian-Palestinian relations is a tricky one. Perhaps the trickiest about it is that it has been for a long time a taboo for open discussion and debate.

However this taboo was broken Sunday evening at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation. Two prominent Jordanian figures as they certainly would like to be described — tried their intellect to probe into the matter. Suleiman Arar, a Jordanian of Jordanian origin, and Taher Al Masti, a Jordanian of Palestinian origin, both ex-ministers who are identified to varying degrees with the regime, presented two points of view on the matter. Their views fall within what is seen as moderate. Both made a historical review of the development of the Palestinian-Jordanian relationship. However, as one of the audience told the two ex-ministers, none of them made the distinction of which relationship he was talking about, the popular or the official.

The scarcity of historical material or socio-political research on the subject made the task of both men difficult. Both presentations were not sophisticated enough, for that matter even frank enough, to address the causes and reasons that hide behind the two people's prejudices. A frank and academic probe into the history of the relationship seems to be in order.

Arar was more forthcoming in his paper. He blamed Palesti-nian nationalism, which, he termed, as regional (ighmi) and Palestinian preoccupation with the Palestinian cause for the delay in building Jordan's institutions. While Arar most probably meant constitutional institutions, many Palestinians would argue that it was the refugees of 1948 who laid the foundations for most of Jordanian institutions in education, health, services and public

Arar charged that Palestinians in Jordan have for decades shunned public service and instead headed for the Gulf for better jobs and pay. This charge was countered by Masri who seems to have discovered this phenomena only recently through contacts with the electorate. Neither of the two men nor any in the audience mentioned the composition of the more vital Jordanian institutions or the fact that while all cities and villages in Jordan

hold municipal elections, Amman, Zarqa and Ruseifeh do not. While Arar was forthcoming, Masn, the diplomat, was di-plomatic. His presentation reflected a moderate voice of a West Banker deeply committed to the unity of the West and East Banks of the Jordan River. Unlike Arar, he did not rock any boats. He did not, for example, tell his audience why the Palestinians rallied for two decades now behind a "revolutionary" leadership instead of its former traditional leadership affiliated with Jordan.

Everyone acknowledges that the big schism in Palestinian-

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A further problem facing the

West is what sort of economic aid

to grant the reform-minded East

Europeans. Poland and Hungary

have run up multi-billion dollar

foreign debts, largely stemming

from Western loans they squan-dered in the 1970s.

Jordanian relations occurred in 1970. But no-one dares answer or approach the big question. Was 1970 really a clash between two identities? Or was it a clash of interests? Palestinians have almost always maintained that they have no "territorial" ambitions in Jordan and that they will not accept a homeland other than Palestine. And Jordanians have always produced their list of martyrs who fell on Palestinian soil defending Palestine. So, where is the conflict?

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Both lecturers agreed that all Jordanians are Palestinians as far as the liberation of Palestine is concerned, and both are Jordanians as far as the building of Jordan is concerned. This is the noblest of formulas. But how to go about it? For many years "the bury-the-hatchet" slogan behind the facade of national unity was the order, both official and public.

I don't agree. One of the most important factors in the modern building of natious is a deep national understanding of history, national history. For, unless Jordanians and Palestinians study, analyse and understand their mutual history, the hatchet cannot be a superior of the part be buried. What this debate should usher, at this point in time in our history, is an open popular and academic debate of the facets of Jordanian-Palestiman relationship — both sweet and sour.

The writer is editor of the opinion and analysis page of the Jordan

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WON'T FALL?

Crisis of Communism brings problems for West

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON — For years, Western countries dreamed the Communist bloc would wither away and that the East European peoples would throw off the Soviet yoke. But now that the dream looks like starting to come true, the

West is getting distinctly nervous. "The threat in my view is not an expansionist Soviet Union which is seeking hegemony," U.S. arms negotiator Richard Burt said last weekend. "The threat is the retraction of Soviet power and perhaps the crumbling of the Soviet empire."

able just a year or two ago, the East Europeans are loosening the four-decade grip of Communism. In Poland, the Communists handed over power to the opposition Solidarity movement in August after a disastrous flop in

In ways that seemed unthink-

In Hungary, the ruling party has voted for a Western-style Socialist platform and dumped the trappings of old-style Communism as it too heads for free elections next year.

In East Germany, tens of thousands of demonstrators have

reforms from the ageing and un-bending leadership after thousands more of their countrymen fled to the West - mainly

through reformist Hungary.
The crisis of Communism in Eastern Europe, and the new willingness of the Soviet Union, hit by economic and ethnic problems of its own, to let events there take their course, has drawn highly optimistic assess-ments by some Western analysts.

Francis Fukuyama, a U.S. State Department policy planner, wrote: "What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the cold war, or the passing of a particular period of postwar history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideologic-al evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human

But most Western officials, while bound to welcome the changes under way in the East, see a host of problems looming on the horizon.

In the worst case, diplomats say, the whole process could come to a halt or go into reverse if Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev decides it has gone too far or is supplanted by other Kremlin taken to the streets to demand figures keen to reassert Moscow's

hold over its allies.

But if things continue on their present course, that could threaten the precarious balance of Eastern and Western military blocs that many Western politi-cians maintain has kept the peace

in Europe since World War II.
Francois Heisbourg, director of
the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, suggested last week that some East bloc countries "cannot be called reliable jumping off or transit bases for military operations by other members of the Warsaw

The warming of East-West re-lations has had a beneficial effect on arms control. NATO and the Warsaw Pact are making good headway at talks in Vienna to reduce their troops and arma-

But British arms control expert Lawrence Freedman says the talks may be at fault in assuming that East-West confrontation will continue, albeit on a lower scale. "The logic of political change

undermines the European alliance system," he wrote in a recent article, adding that the current approach to arms control "not only assumes the political status quo — it helps to reinforce it."

from reunification.

Perhaps most worrying for the West is the future of East Germany, where the refugee exodus and demonstrations have aroused especially in West Germany advanced recently by East Gerthe nagging problem of German man party ideologist Otto

The U.S. ambassador to Bonn,

Vernon Walters, said last month it was abnormal to have two. Germanies, but most other countries fear the military and economic colossus that could result

"What right would a capitalist (East Germany) have to exist alongside a capitalist Federal Re-public of Germany? None of course," he said in a radio commentary. "There is no room for thoughtlessly jeopardising Social-ism or the Socialist state."

By Michael Wise

PRAGUE — A purported tape recording of Czechoslovak leader Milos Jakes addressing a closeddoor meeting of Communist party officials is providing amusement for the growing number of his critics.

The recording, which has Jakes bemoaning a lack of popular support for the hardline Communist leadership, has been broadcast by the U.S.-funded radio station Radio Free Europe several times in the past month.

Party officials would not say whether or not the tape is genuine, but many dissidents familiar with Jakes's voice believe it is an authentic recording of a meeting held in July.

"It is a real hit in the daily life of our citizens," said human rights activist Vaclav Maly. Cassettes are in high demand in

opposition circles.

The tape appears to have been produced covertly by one or more party members seeking to embarrass Jakes, who is regarded as unable to articulate an effective party strategy other than ritually denouncing opponents as anti-

"The fact that this tape exists is very important psychologically," Maly said. "It shows Mr. Jakes has no certainty that when he speaks it will remain private and that the party is not so united as

we are led to believe." According to the tape, Jakes admitted it had been a mistake to lock up the country's leading dissident, Vaclav Havel. To prosecute such a prominent figure only risked renewed international scorn and it was preferable to focus on lesser known dissidents. Several have been imprisoned

in recent weeks. Havel, whose public stature

has been enhanced by continuing to speak out on behalf of civil freedoms despite the risk of imprisonment, was freed in May after serving half an eight-month sentence for his part in a tumultuous week of anti-government protests in January.

He and other independent activists last month urged the government to start formal talks with leading names of a 30,000signature petition demanding political reforms and an open debate on the 1968 Soviet-led invasion which ended the Prague

spring liberalisation movement. There has been no response but diplomats and many dissidents agree there is little chance that Jakes and his colleagues who came to power after the invasion would ever agree to such talks.

"The physical limitations imposed by the very nature of this system are such that they say they want reform but we believe in a way that it will have no real result," said a diplomat from one of the East bloc countries now in the process of reform.

While Jakes enjoys little popular respect and faces a rapid rise in independent political activity over 30 opposition groups have emerged in the past year the Communist party can still rely on one of the bloc's highest standards of living and tight police control to ensure political silence from most of Czechoslovakia's 15.5 million people.

"The majority of citizens are dissatisfied but they are afraid of losing their comforts and are unwilling to sacrifice anything," said

In contrast to Poland where the Solidarity movement enjoys a broad base, Czechoslovakia's political activists are largely confined to an educated class centred on the capital with little evident support among workers.

At the same time economic growth is slowing down and in the long term threatens to unravel the unspoken bargain by which the leadership has obtained the acquiescence of the nation in

Even official economists complain that plans to overhaul the bloated heavy industry sector consist of ill-fated half steps. A third of industry is in a hopeless state, much of it ripe for closure, a top state planning official

admits. Liberalised rules on travels abroad have enabled more Czechoslovaks to see for themselves that while they may enjoy better living standards than their Warsaw Pact neighbours, the gap with the West is getting wider.

leadership in Prague. "They have tended to see East

exchange for well stocked shops.

tical juncture.

The outpouring of protests in East Germany, whose living standards are on a par with Czechoslovakia, has also alarmed the

Germany as a showcase, a model for resistance to glasnost and perestroika," another East bloc

Disunity in Prague? | Austria's role in E. German exodus highlights importance of neutrality

By Hanni Konitzer

EAST BERLIN has so far tacitly tolerated the help Austria has given East German refugees in their exodus to the Federal Republic via Hungary.

The East Germans have protested loudly against the be-haviour of Budapest and Bonn but not against Vienna. Austrian foreign ministry offi-

cials say East Berlin must know that protest would have no effect in Vienna. The East Berlin government is out on a limb and doesn't want to impose a burden on its relations

stria is on good terms with most East European countries. Bonn has rightly and repeated-ly thanked Austria for its attitude toward the East German re-

with Vienna — especially as Au-

Attention must naturally focus on the courageous, historically significant decision by the Hungarian authorities to allow East Germans to cross the border to

But this humanitarian gestur would have been to no effect had it not been for the active parti-

cination of neutral Austria. Who knows what Budapest would have decided if Austria, highly appreciated and badly needed for access to Europe, had not agreed to cooperate.

In view of the humanitarian approach neutral Austria has adopted towards waves of refugees in past decades, the West has come to take it for granted. But it isn't a matter of course.

For Vienna the international attention the exodus of East German refugees via Hungary and Austria has commanded for weeks comes at a convenient poli-

The Austrians have shown yet again, at a time when they are applying to join the European Community, how important and useful their neutral little country that sees itself as part of the West and behaves accordingly can be. Its role can be particularly im-

portant and useful in the present phase of international affairs, a phase marked by major change in the Communist camp.

A further factor in Vienna's

favour is that the influx of East

German refugees from Hungary and their immediate transit to the Federal Republic, a European Community country, takes much of the wind out of the sails of those in Brussels who take a dim view of Austria's open borders to

Austria's surroundings have undergone a substantial change in the past year. The East used to be predictable" from Vienna's point of view, and neighbourly relations were relatively quiet despite the many difficulties. No-one now knows where developments are heading. "We in

Austria have every interest in

seeing the reformers prevail in

the east.

Eastern Europe and change take its course," Austria's Foreign Minister, Alois Mock, recently told a conference of ambassadors in Vienna. But there must be no illusions that democracy was "just around the corner" and that there would be no more setbacks, "The re-

ersible," he warned. In most East Bloc states reforms, inasmuch as they were implemented, served the purpose of keepnig the present leaders in

form process is in no way irrev-

They were envisaged because the system of economic planning had been a failure and not on account of lofty democratic

objectives of any kind. If economic reforms failed to live up to the expectations placed in them by people in these countries, the disappointment would dash hopes of and strength for political change, he said.

Everything now depended on the West swiftly and generously helping forces prepared to embark on reform in Eastern Europe.

Austria noted with dismay that Herr Mock's proposal, made at the June Efta conference, for the Western industrialised world to raise \$6bn in loans to Eastern European countries willing to embark on reform had not met with a positive response in a single country.

For Austria, developments in neighbouring countries to the East are not necessarily harmless. Austria's status, between East and West, must undergo a reap-

Despite the enormous risks

Western diplomats and

analysts see the contradictions in calling for Polish or Hungarianstyle reforms in East Germany and admit the force of arguments

According to Western analysts, the-West has no choice but to

take a cautious attitude to developments in Eastern Europe which it cannot influence or even

faced in Eastern Europe, foreign visions of this kind. ministry officials in Vienna refer to them as a "positive instability" that is full of enormous oppor-

Austria would be delighted to emerge from its peripheral posi-tion on a dead border with the East, but many Austrians are worried lest their country, neutral and left to its own devices, might be caught in a maelstrom of uncontrollable developments. When U.S. politicians such as

Henry Kissinger or Lawrence Eagleburger then say Austria ought now to take the lead on behalf of states that are no longer Communist but not yet Western, Austrian officials' hair stands on Austria, says a senior foreign

ministry official, Thomas Klestil,

is a Western democracy and cannot be assigned to the grey zone between East and West that is now taking shape on the Soviet Union's borders as a consequence of the collapse of Communist power structures. Austrians are said to see their

future not as a crystallisation point for countries keen to part company with Communism. That would be to forfeit their own way Several Eastern European

countries might feel that Austria's present position would be their own best bet as a long-term political objective. Vienna has no objection to them holding this

But Austria does not want to mark time. It hopes to be a member of the European Community in five years' time, Dr. Klestil says. The latest developments in

Eastern Europe have calmed down the Viennese intellectuals arguably headed by Education and Science Minister Erhard Busek. In recent years and in some

cases they have had enthusiastic visions of a revival of Central Europe as a political force with Vienna as its focal point. Germany, incidentally, is not included in Central Europe as

thus envisaged, unlike Poland. Dr. Busek, who has long nursed intensive ties with members of the Opposition in Eastern Europe, can fairly claim that they have shown interest in political Deutschland.

Yet now the idea of an independent belt of Central European countries between the European Community and the Soviet Union no longer seems so unrealistic. Austria is keen not to be harnessed to the bandwagon and would

certainly not like to take the lead. The Austrians know how much political dynamite there is in the region. In addition to the legacy of Communism in collapse, all Austro-Hungarian successor states have mutual border, minority and other disputes that could easily lead to regional conflict if there were no begemonial

power to keep them in order. So it is a mystery why Austria is now in the throes of a domestic, election campaign debate on reducing the equipment of Austria's armed forces, the Bun-

Yugoslavia, for instance, is a particularly crisis-prone neigh-bour, and its very unity is at In Slovenia, the Yugoslav re-

public bordering on Austria, reformers are openly toying with the idea of an economic union with Austria, which is unenthusiastic, not least for fear of jeopardising its neutrality.
"We are keen to see Yugoslavia cope with its difficulties,' Foreign Minister Mock says. But

contingency plans have been drawn up should clashes occur The Austrians are prepared to use their traditionally good relations with Eastern Europe to help

Austria feels the disputes within

Yugoslavia are so serious that

reformers there. Their offers of assistance range from advice and information to economic aid, including joint ventures, management training and converting loans into equity

participation. Poland, for instance, owes Anstria over 40 billion schillings, or

nearly DM6bn. .-Other ideas include championing Eastern European causes at international bodies, close intergovernmental cooperation on the world expo planned to be held jointly in Vienna and Budapest in 1995 and a further extension of cultural cooperation . - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für

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ris, à l'époque, la publication d'un livre d'information destiné

au grand public. "C'est le seul

jamais écrit ici sur le sujet",

rappelle succintement la

découverte du virus, les recher-

ches alors en cours et ses modes

de transmission. Quant à la

prévention, qui demeure le seul

moyen efficace de lutte, le doc-

teur Abbadi l'évoque dans un

cadre résolumment religieux.

Stigmatisant les "sociétés qui autorisent la liberté sexuelle", il

rappelle, au nom de l'islam, qu'il

"ne faut pratiquer ni l'adultère, ni

l'homosexualité, ni la prostitu-

tion". Et de conseiller à ses lec-

teurs de "ne pas fréquenter ceux

Ouvrage didactique, "Le Sida"

OLP. Le président le l'OLP se rendra vendredi au Caire. Yasser Arafat s'entretiendra avec le président Hosni Moubarak des efforts déployés par l'Egypte et les États-Unis pour amorcer un dialogue direct entre Palestiniens et Israéliens. Le secrétaire d'Etat américain.

a pour sa part invité les ministres israélien et égyptien des Affaires

étrangères à Washington. James Baker, avait indiqué dimanche qu'il

comptait rester actif dans les négociations entre le Caire et Tel Aviv.

malgré le rejet du plan Moubarak par le gouvernement Shamir.

Hongrie, Rezso Nyers, numéro un de l'ex-Parti communiste

hongrois, a été élu lundi à la présidence du nouveau Parti socialiste,

créé samedi soir à Budapest. Les statuts et le programme du PSH ont

été adoptés dans la même journée. Objectif du nouveau parti, dont

l'emblème sera l'oeillet rouge: assurer «une transition pacifique et

Nord-Sud. «Nous ne devons pas nous résigner à l'appauvrissement du tiers monde», a déclaré lundi François Mitterrand, au premier

jour de sa visite de 48 heures au Vénézuela. Evoquant les dettes des

pays pauvres, le président français a appelé à une reprise «sans répit du dialogue Nord-Sud» et à un effort des pays industrialisés pour

Anniversaire. L'ensemble des services publics, les banques et de

nombreux magasins seront fermés ce jeudi en raison de la célébration de l'anniversaire de la naissance du Prophète, le 12 octobre 571. Les

principales cérémonies commémoratives se sont déroulées hier à

Karak et au Palais de l'Culture d'Amman, en présence des plus

Train. La ligne ferroviaire de Hijaz entre Amman et Damas,

interrompue depuis 6 ans, a été remise en service hier matin.

Désormais, un convoi quittera la capitale syrienne tous les jeudis à

7h20. La liaison en sens inverse sera assurée à partir d'Amman le

dimanche à 8h00. Le train pourra transporter jusqu'à 300 passagers.

Chef. Les 120 musiciens de l'orchestre philarmonique de Berlin-

Ouest ont élu dimanche Claudio Abbado, 56 ans, à la tête de leur

formation, en replacement d'Herbert von Karayan. Le chef d'orches-

tre italien, qui occupait jusqu'à présent le pose de directeur musical

de l'Opéra de Vienne, assurera également la direction artisque du

Venise. 7,2 milliards de dollars: c'est le coût estimé du projet de

sauvetage de Venise présenté le week-end dernier en Italie, et adopté

par le gouvernement. Le programme de travaux, baptisé «Rea», doit.

permettre de restructurer les fondations de la Cité des Doges et

d'assainir la lagune qui menace la ville d'effondrement.

hautes personnalités musulmanes du pays.

Prix du ticket: entre 1.5 et 2.5 dinars.

graduelle [de la Hongrie] vers le socialisme démocratique».

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réduire les «injustices».

6 maiades, 26 séropositifs en Jordanie

Sida: faire face à la réalité

Depuis 1986. 6 Jordaniens ont été victimes du sida. Selon le ministère de la Santé. tous ont contracté la maladie lors de séjours à l'étranger. Bien que leur nombre reste faible, le gouvernement a lancé dès 1987 des campagnes d'information,

en liaison avec l'Organisation mondiale de la santé. Des campagnes sans tabous, incluant notamment les dépistages

> gratuits et anonymes. doublées d'un contrôle systématique des émigres, soignés hors du pays, à leur retour dans le royaume.

> > indique-t-il.

La mort discrète d'un jeune 1986, il avait néanmoins entrep-Jordanien de 22 ans, il y a deux semaines, est venue rappeler, si besoin était, que le sida est aussi une réalité dans le royaume hachémite. Une réalité, que le ministère de la Santé chiffre anjourd'hui à 6 malades et 26 séropositifs. Incomparablement moins répandue qu'en Afrique (x), en Europe ou aux Etats-Unis, la maladie préoccupe suffisamment les autorités, pour faire désormais partie des fléaux combattus par tous les moyens disnombles.

Parmi eux, figurent le contrôle des plaquettes de sang importés par les hôpitaux et le dépistage des Jordaniens opérés à l'étranger. "Nous nous sommes en effet rendu compte que dans tous les cas répertoriés, la maladie a été contractée par transfusion de sang", souligne le docteur Hani Shammout, du ministère de la

Un constat que confirme Abdullah Abbadi, chef du départment médical de l'hôpital universitaire et seul spécialiste jordanien du sida. Selón lui, aucun foyer de propagation de la maladie n'existe à l'intérieur des frontières. Confronté au "mal du siècle" dès la déconverte du pre-

mondiale de la santé (OMS) "Nons avons diffusé des vidéos sur les deux chaînes de la JTV organisé des débats dans les facultés, distribué des brochures et des affiches, dont certaines sont nos créations", rappelle Muna Hamzeh, responsable depuis 3 ans des programmes d'éducation an ministère de la Santé:

Au risque de choquer, les autorités out choisi de "tout dire et de le dire partout". A chaque fois, l'homosexualité et la drogue notamment, ont été abordées sans pression morale, "Nous sommes allés jusque dans les' mosquées, les églises et les pris-ons, souligne Muna Hamzeh, Avec pour objectif d'informer et non d'effrayer les gens. Nous leur faisons comprendre que c'est la maladie que nous combattons, pas les malades".

Informer sans tabou reste cependant une chose difficile. Parier des «milieux à hauts risques" équivant ainsi pour certains à admettre qu'ils existent dans le pays. L'équilibrisme auquel doit se livrer le ministère n'a d'ailleurs pas permis d'inclure l'utilisation des préservatifs, pourtant en vente dans les pharmacies, comme moyen de prévention.

Les tests de dépistages gratuits et anonymes, fournis par l'OMS. ont par contre pu être mis à la disposition du public. "900 étudiants et 800 détenus ont accepté de le faire jusqu'à aujourd'hui, précise le docteur Hani Shammout. Ils se sont d'ailleurs tous révélés négatifs". Volontaires auxquels se sont ajoutés, dans le but de dédramatiser la démarche, le personnel de l'hôpital universitaire et les fonctionnaires du

Instituer un péage d'entrée dis-

suasif à l'instar de Singapour? Interdire comme aux Athéniens

de circuler un jour sur deux?

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tent la levée de bouchers des

conducteurs... et les retombées

S'il est donc impossible d'adap-

ter l'automobile à la ville, com-

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ne reste plus guère à Paris d'artères élargissables, à moins de

sacrifier le patriomoine artistique

et d'accroître la pollution. Déve-

lopper les transports publics, mal-

gré les efforts entrepris, ne per-

met manifestement pas de couper

le cordon entre les Français et

Puisque les solutions font

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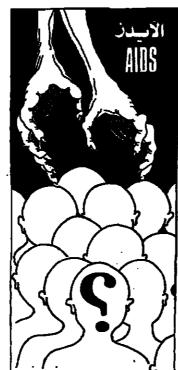
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ponyoirs publics, qui redou-

Bouchons



ministère de la Santé.

Les services du ministère out également décidé de venir en aide aux malades et à leurs familles. Un soutien moral qui compense tant bien que mal le manque de structures abilitées à recevoir les patients. Le docteur Abdullah Abbadi, épaulé par une seule infirmière, reconnait que leur présence dans les hôpitaux posent souvent des problèmes. "Les médecins rechignent un peu à s'occuper des sidéens", avoue-t-

Illustration ou non d'un rejet, les malades ne sont admis en on au ministère de la Santé, où

La première affiche d'information diffusée en Jordanie sur le sida: «une fonction d'alerte». selon son créatem Abdullah Abbadi seul spécialiste jordanie de la maladie et auteur d'un livre grand public

clinique que s'ils souffrent de fièvre ou d'hémorragies. La plupart du temps, ils s'y voient prescrire du "Retrovir" pour tout traitement avant de retourner chez eux. "Ce produit a pour effet de freiner le développement dut-virus, de diminuer les symptômes et par voie de consequence le nombre de visites à l'hôpital», précise-t-il.

Les séropositifs, eux, sont sous contrôle médical permanent et constituent l'an des publics les plus suivis. «Nous leur donnons des conseils en privé», déclare-t-

l'on rejette catégoriquement toute mesure d'isolement «inhumain».

Dans les locaux du service de programmes éducatifs, à Shmeisani, les deux affiches conçues par l'équipe de Muna Hamzeh témoignent à leur manière du chemin déjà parcouru en deux ans. Sur la première, deux mains crochues de conleur jaune sur fond noir s'apprêtent à saisir par la tête un individu dans une foule anonyme, où est dessiné un gros point d'interrogation rouge. La deuxième, sur laquelle est représentée le globe en deux cercles symétriques, indique sobrement que la Jordanie participe au programme de lutte de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé.

«Le premier poster avait une fonction d'alerte et se voulait une symbolisation du danger mortel de la maladie, explique son créateur, Walid Naghawy. Aujourd'hui que la situation a changé, je ferais quelque chose de totalement différent, si on me commandait un nouveau dessin». Un changement dont Muna Hamzeh se dit satisfaite, à un mois et demi du lancement de la troisième campagne nationale d'information, à l'occasion de la iournée mondiale du sida, "Auiourd'hui, tous les Jordaniens savent au moins comment se protéger du virus.»

> Saeda Kilani et Alain Renon.

(*) Selon l'OMS, 270.000 des 480.000 majades du sida vivent en Afrique, continent qui ne compte que le dixième de la population mondiale.

Grands moyens. Un jeune homme, qui réclamait une pièce de 2 francs suisses à un couple dimanche dans une rue de Zurich, est parvenu à ses fins et braquant sur eux une mitraillette Centre culturel royal

Cinéma français actuel

La semaine du film yougos lave à peine achevée, c'est au tour du cinéma français de s'afficher an centre culturel royal. De iundi à jeudi, quatre longs-métrages seront présentés an public.

De l'univers du jazz en 1959/ 1960 aux Etats-Unis ("Autour de minuit", de Bertrand Tavernier) au drame campagnard propre au cinéma français des années quarante ("La Maison assassinée", de Georges Lautner), les quatre films présentés à partir de lunon an centre culturel royal on en commun la veine réaliste et une prédilection pour les destins individuels. Deux caractéristiques quasi permanentes du

septième art français. A l'instar de "Conseil de famille", de Constantin Costa-Gavras, et "Elsa, Elsa", de Didier Hautepin, ils présentent également l'intérêt d'être sortis dans les salles obscures entre 1986 et 1988 et de donner la tonalité d'un cinéma présent qu'on dit souvent (trop sou-

vent, peut-être) en crise. Organisée sous l'égide du ministère des Affaires étrangeres et actuellement en tournée dans 13 pays arabes. cette semaine du cinéma francais sera officiellement inaugurée le 16 octobre par l'ambassadeur de France, Denis Bauchard.

"Cinéma français actuel", du 16 au 19 octobre. Séances à 20h00 (films sous-titrés en arabe),

chargée. Son «butin» en poche, l'inconnu a remercié ses victimes avant de rengainer son arme et de prendre la fuite. A L'AFFICHE

philarmonique de Berlin.

CINEMA

La Classa operaia va in Paradiso, d'Elio Preti, avec Gian Maria Volonte et Mariangela Melato. Dra-Haya art centre, jeudi 12 octobre à 19680

Nordesee ist Mordsee, de Hark Bohm, avec Uwe Engelmann et Dshingis Bowakow (1976). La fugue de deux adolescents à bord d'un radeau puis d'un navire sur la mer du

Institut Goethe, samedi 14 octobre à 201:00 (en allemend, sous-titré en anglais). Cocoon, de Ron Howard, avec Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley et Hume Cronyn. Trois hommes d'âge mûr découvent une piscine abandonnée

remplie d'oeux géants. Centre américain, dimanche Cinéma français actuel. Quatre

longs-métrages figurent au program-me de la semaine du film français, à partir de lundi au centre culturel roval.

Moonwalker. Voyage au coeur de l'univers de Michael Jackson et de 24 années de succès. Centre américain, mardi 17 octobre à

Ciné-club. Séances à 14h00, 16h00, 18h00, 20h00 et 22h00. Projection pour les jeunes jeudi à 16h00; nouveau film lundi à 20h00 pour les

Jesdi 12: Harem; Indiana Jones and the last crusade; Scrab; Harem Holiday; Guns

Vendreni 13: Sorcellerie; Oil; Arabian nights; Fort Sagane; King Salomon's mines (1ère version). Samedi 14: March or die; Beaugest; The Lion and the wind; La Bataille d'Alger;

command: The Protocole; Rise and fall of Amine Dada; Mendosa's touch. Landi 16: The Exorcist (lère version); Awaking: Dawn of the mummy; K. 9; Blood of the grave of the mummy. Mardi 17: Riders of the lost arch; Roll

over; Arab oil; Indiana Jones and the last crusade; The man with a deadly glince. Mercredi 18: Sorcellerie; 21 hours in Munich; Beaches; Exodus (1); Exodus (2)

Films en version originale. Tél: 663901. Route de l'université, à droite après l'hétel Jérusalem puis première à ganche, 300 m. CONFERENCE

L'espace urbain de Pétra. Jean-Marie Dentzer, professeur à l'université de Paris-1 présente les derniers travaux cartographiques, qui permettent de mieux comprendre l'aménagement de Pétra dans un en-

Centre culturei français, mercredi 18 octobre à 18h00 (en français).

EXPOSITIONS

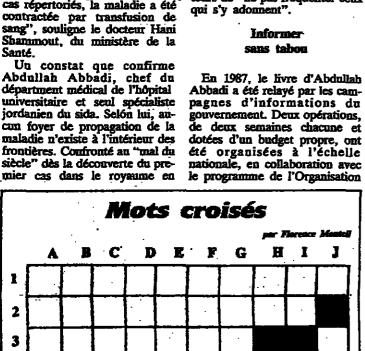
Regards mutliples. 39 hithographies de Picasso, Chagall... constituent le Legs Sorlier, panorama de la peinture contemporaine.

Centre culturel royal. Clôture ce jeudi. Rome, XVIe siècle. Les chefs-

d'oeuvres de la peinture italienne du XVIe siècle, photographiés par le célèbre atelier Alinari, en tournée au Proche-Orient. Centre culturel de Salt, jusqu'an 16 octobre. Cestre culturel royal, da 17 au 21. Université de Mata', da 24 au 29.

TELEVISION

Morte Fontaine, de Marco Pico, avec Clémentine Celerié, Jean-Loup Rajot et Yves Afonso (1989). Pour avoir accepté de venir en aide à une fillette esseulée, un pianiste de cabaret se retrouve embarqué dans une enquête policière. che 15: The Commandos; The lost JTV, vendredi 13 octobre à 17h30.



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"Laser". Une première tranche de travaux (en noir continu) solt relié aux principales autoroutes (en pointillés).

nord, de l'ouest, du sud-ouest, du sud et du sud-est. L'ensemble forme un réseau de 50 kilomètres, creusé entre 30 et 70 mètres de profondeur, sous les tunnels du métro, les égoûts...

pourraient emprunter la liaison (un tunnel à deux chaussées superposées de 9,5 mètres de diamètre), moyennant un tarif de péage de 20 francs (environ 2 dinars) perçu électroniquement pour éviter les embouteillages. La construction, dont le coût est idée sont nés deux projets. estimé à 16 milliards de francs, demanderait 9 ans et créerait 5.000 emplois, selon les concepteurs du projet.

L'entreprise Bouygnes, quant à R", concocté par les bureaux d'études du groupe Bouygues. "Laser" (Liaison autoroutière elle, se montre discrète sur le contenu de «3 R» tant qu'ancune souterraine expresse régionale) décision n'est prise. On sait néanse présente sous la forme d'un moins qu'il serait de conception beaucoup plus simple. Il se comanneau entourant le centre historique de la capitale. En partent poserait de deux axes perpendi-

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culaires, qui se croiseraient au cinq autoroutes en direction du coeur de Paris, et de nombreux parcs de stationnement.

jour? Le maire de Paris, Jacques Chirac, dont tout dépend, se Scules les voitures de tourisme montre pour l'heure plutôt réservé. Et d'autant plus hésitant que, si la circulation en sous-sol compte ses partisans, d'autres (dont les écologistes) la qualifie d'aberrante et de catastrophique pour l'environnement. Jacques Chirac a annoncé lundi la suppression de 100.000 places de stationnement dans les rues et la généralisation à toute la ville des parmètres. Para-lièlement, le préfet de police de la capitale, Pierre Verbrugghe, envisage de "renforcer très sensiblement" les sanctions contre les infractions. Sanctions qui pour-

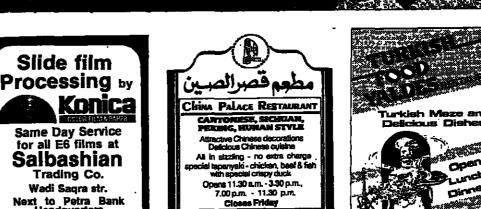
> maire de Paris. Pierre-Albert Lambert.

L'un des projets, ou une com-

binaison des deux, verra-t-il le

ront aller "jusqu'au retrait de

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JORDAN MARKET PLACE

Investor confidence boosts Gulf Arab stock markets

kingdom's telephone-traded mar-ket have surged this year, pushing

the weekly index through the

100-point barrier on Oct. 4 for

the first time since it was estab-

Saudi officials say the daily

value of shares traded during the

first week of October more than

doubled to 22.5 million riyals (\$6

million) from the same period

But an independent analyst

More stock should be made

available so turnover would rise

and prices reflect the true value

of shares, but it was very difficult

for established firms to issue

above par value while authorities

want to price the issues as low as

possible. Their over-riding con-

cern is that in the absence of a

munity, the masses should not be

in a position to lose too much

money through speculation," be

In Kuwait — which has the

region's oldest and biggest official

exchange — analysts say market

performance has been lacklustre

in 1989, reflecting many financial-

The official index for Kuwaiti

firms dropped to 40.11 in the

week ended Oct. 4 from 42.66 the

previous year. Turnover averages

at around \$11.7 million a day.

ly unsound firms.

sophisticated investment com-

"The firms want to sell at

noted that Saudi Arabia has 2,000.

factories compared with only 64

joint stock companies.

lished in 1985.

during 1988.

stock, he said.

BAHRAIN (R) — Infant stock markets in Gulf Arab states are growing on a wave of investor confidence. But regional economists say more shares, more players and better information disclosure are needed to coax them to maturity.

Rising share prices and swelling trade volume in some Gulf markets show investors have begun to repatriate part of an estimated \$160 billion of private funds invested abroad.

There are 170 joint stock companies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states capitalised at around \$22 billion.

But despite the higher turnover, less than three per cent of their shares are actually being traded and prices in many cases do not reflect the true value of the stock, analysts say.

Things are moving but we are still emerging from a recession and it will take time before expectations change," Gulf International Bank economist Henry Azzam said.

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates from the GCC, an economic and political

Economists say a major obstacle to development of its stock markets is the fact that governments hold most of the shares.

Admitting foreigners to the market, more disclosure of company information and the setting up of investment houses to analyse firms would also give a badlyneeded boost, they say.

An economic upturn fuelled by higher oil prices and the August 1988 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war has encouraged GCC states to begin selling off their assets but this is being done gradually to avoid depressing prices.

Of the privately-held firms. some yield such high profits there is no incentive to sell, while others have seen the value of their shares drop to a fraction of what they were worth during the oil boom years.

"Share prices are moving in line with improved company performance but the market is still depressed," Hassan Juma, general manager of the National Bank of Bahrain, said. People do not want to sell

shares they bought at 30 times the price several years ago," he told

In Saudi Arabia, share prices for nearly half the firms on the has been turned into an auton-.

consultants, told Reuter there was little indication that performance on the official exchange would improve.

In June, Kuwait reopened a parallel stock exchange alongside the official market. Officials say only a few firms have met its strict financial requirements.

An earlier parallel exchange crashed in 1982 following wild speculation which left a \$90 billion mountain of debt.

Oman and Bahrain opened their first official exchanges in May and June respectively. Both now have an average daily turnover of around \$78,000 a day.

Muscat exchange officials say activity has surpassed expectations. But Bahraini brokers say volume has declined since the opening and in August one big investor alone took 95 per cent of

Omani officials said a new parailel exchange should further boost activity when it opens on Nov. 1 with seven newly-established firms and 32,000 new

There are now only 18,000 registered shareholders in Oman. Qatar is also planning to set up

an exchange soon.

In the United Arab Emirates the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) index tracking 22 firms listed on a telephone traded market has leaped 43 per cent in the past seven months.

Ziad Dabbas, stockbroker at NBAD, said this was partly due to better economic prospects but also to attempts by some brokers and sellers to manipulate prices. Less than 2,000 shares with a

value of between 200,000 300,000 dirhams (\$54,000 Jassem Al Saadoun, general \$81,000) are traded a day.

Norwegian wins Nobel economic science prize

figure in post-war economic

Econometrics holds that eco-

"All of us who had him as a

teacher are glad," said Hermod

Skaamland, president of the

Bank of Norway. "He has the

ability to bring out the core of a

the London School of Econo-

mics, said: "I'm very happy he

got the prize. While he did origin-

al work, there has been a tenden-

cy to give prizes to people who

has been in danger of being

enefited from his work and he

Haavelmo's 1941 doctoral

Meghnad Desai, a professor at

nomic theories can be proved by

testing them with mathematical

and statistical models.

complex of issues."

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - the prize committee, called the development of eco-Trygve Haavelmo of Norway won Haavelmo "the father of modern the Nobel memorial prize in eco- econometrics" and a dominant nomic science Wednesday for using statistics and probability to forecast how economies will be-

Haavelmo's work in 1941 poincered the field of econometrics, which freed economic theorists from the rigid testing standards of the scientific laboratory and introduced probabilityto economic forecasting.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science cited the 77-year-old professor of economics at Oslo University for "his clarification of the probability theory foundations of econometrics and his analysis of simultaneous economic structures."

Haavelmo was quoted by the Swedish news agency TT as saying he disdained the idea of prizes for academics.

A colleague, who asked not to be identified, said Haavelmo in the past had "a critical attitude to such Prizes." "He was open to his col-

leagues, but he was always shun-ned publicity," said Asbjoern Roedseth of Oslo University's Economics Department. Haavelmo was at his home in

the Oslo suburb of Baerum when the news was announced, university officials said His telephone went un-

answered, and one of his neighbours said he saw the professor drive away from his apartment shortly after the announcement in Stockholm. He was the second Norwegian

to win the economics prize.

geing Boeing 707, 737 and 747

aircraft. He said the company

also has studied bids from

McDonnell Douglas Corp. for its

. Aviation experts in the area

said the Boeing 767 is most likely

candidate, partly because Iraq already has Boeings and built a

large maintenance facility for this

In another area, Iraq signed a 174 million-dinar (\$522 million)

tract with a local firm Tuesday

Ports authority chairman

Each of the new berths will be

able to handle 250,000 tons of

general cargo annually, raising

the port's overall handling capac-

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ity to 16 million tons a year.

Abdul Razak Abdul Wahab Ali

said 13 new berths would be built

DC-10 aircraft.

than one million passengers in for expansion of its southern port

by 1994.

Haavelmo was a research assistant to Ragnar Frisch, who won the price the first year it was awarded in 1969. Assar Lindbeck, chairman of

price freeze, opts for broader plan

Kremlin opposes

thesis, which he presented at Harvard University, "had a swift fluence people's decisions," and pathbreaking influence on Lindbeck said.

Tuesday to postpone a proposed price freeze to give it time to produce a comprehensive economic package.
Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, whose government faces

accelerating wages and stagnant production, said a simple freeze on the prices of staples and consumer goods was not enough and that the country had to tackle its economic woes all at once. "We must, comrades, come up

prime minister asked parliament

with a fully comprehensive approach to the problem. It is impossible to solve anything only by (controlling) prices," Ryzhkov

The prime minister asked deputies to give the government more time — "10 days, a month" - to work out its final package. Ryzhkov said opening up the

market completely without real competition or controls would induce severe inflation, with prices shooting up as much as 10

Instead, he advocated introducing elements of supply and demand while keeping a grip on most prices.

There is enormous pent-up de-Soviet Union. Citizens hold an estimated 400 billion roubles (\$640 billion at official rate) in savings banks and matresses because stores are largely empty. Many Western experts say regulated state prices must rise

sharply to soak up the savings and help restore some balance to the embattled Soviet economy. But a string of deputies, driven by what they said were voters' complaints, called for the immediate freeze, which also has

the backing of the official trade

"Prices grow and grow, like mushrooms," said Valentina Shevchenko, a deputy from Kiev. She said cooperatives had stepped into the market, pushing prices up 10 to 15 times above

But Ryzbkov told the parliament the country's economic per-

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet formance could not support a price freeze while wages contimued to rise.

nometrics," the academy said in a

summary of his achievements.

His work showed how econo-

mic conclusion can be drawn

from random samples, and how

to use estimates to test theories

and forecast the behaviour of

economies, despite the influence

of millions of unpredictable deci-

sions by people and businesses.

His theories "gave rise to ex-traordinarily rapid methodologic-

al development" and established

the foundation of modern eco-

"He emphasised the eco-

nometric methods," the state-

nometric foundation of probabil-

ity theory and drew on the power-

ful pulse of statistics," Lindbeck

"Through his new economic theory, scientists have learned to

anticipate how governmental in-

stitutions react and how they in-

said in announcing the prize.

ment said.

In the three months ending in September income grew at a rate of 15.7 per cent while production increased at the rate of just one per cent, Ryzhkov said. Wages grew at an annual rate of 12.3 per cent in the first nine months of

"We are not against people earning wages - any sum - but every rouble must be supported by goods produced. When it is a difference of 15 times, we must understand that balancing the market is impossible," he

The government's proposal calls for controlling wages and public spending and includes measures to ease price hikes.

A competing draft, offered by the parliament's committee on labour, prices and social policy, would freeze prices on staples and consumer goods.

Deputy Prime Minister Leonid Abalkin, a leading reformist economist, said the government would take steps to introduce market relations as part of its overall reform package.

This meant stabilising prices in

the consumer market, linking wage growth to productivity and introducing some controls on the prices of basic necessities, he

According to Communist Party agriculture chief Yegor Ligachev, the Soviet Union will ease chronic food shortags within five to seven years by reducing losses in transport and storage and improving research.

In an interview broadcast on Soviet radio, Ligachev said ending the shortages "called for a whole series of measures to be applied continuously. So far there has been no systematic approach to limiting losses."

Ligachev, the most prominent conservative on the party's ruling Politburo and the country's most important farming official, predicted major improvements within five to seven years.

JEA reviews relations with Japan, Mauritania

Wednesday received in two separate meetings delegations representing the Japanese Agency for International Cooperation and the Mauritanian Water and Electricity Company and discussed with them scopes of bilateral cooperation between Jordan and their respective countries.

Japanese delegation, he discussed with the members means of further enhancing cooperation in the field of electricity in implementation of the agreement concluded between the two governments.

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Elec-tricity Authority (JEA) Director-General Mohammed Said Arafa JEA with advanced training equipment and will send a number of technical staff from the Authority to Japan for training.

With the Mauritanian delegation, Arafa discussed a proposal by the JEA to undertake a comprehensive study of the Mauritanian company and the idea of training 15 Mauritanian electric In his meeting with the technicians at the JEA training ish fare

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JEA will also provide the Mauritanian company with an expert in the field of network distribution to work there for two

RJ holds annual conference Sunday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Jordanian (RJ) will hold its annual marketing and sales conference on Oct. 15, with the department and office directors

The two-day conference will discuss a number of reports and research papers on RJ activities, its future plans and strategy: On the occasion, RJ Director-

General Husam Abu Ghazaleh holds a press conference on Oct. 17, during which he will talk about RJ operations and its future plans in the light of a new marketing programme.

Association's (IATA's) annual relations committee.

conference for public relations, advertising and communication officers which was held in Belgrade.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Samir Mutawi', the executive assistant to the director general, said that the conference discussed working papers and researches on the best means to promote airline industry. On the sidelines of the IATA conference, the Arab Air Car-riers Organisation held a meeting for public relations officers in the Arab airline companies and RJ last week participated in the elected Samir, Mutawi as chair-International Air Transport man of spokesman of the public

Taiwan has little hope of cutting trade surplus TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan's trade strikes, and China after Peking

surplus is increasing and officials and economists said there was now little hope of cutting it to a level likely to appease U.S.

Official figures showed the island's trade surplus jumped about 40 per cent to \$9.4 billion in the first eight months of 1989 from \$6.71 billion in the same period last year.

Officials and economists said it will be impossible for Taiwan to reach its goal of trimining its 1989 trade surplus to \$10 billion from last year's \$10.9 billion.

"Despite our efforts to reduce our surplus, it looks like it's going to be exceedingly difficult for us to meet this target," Vice Economic Minister Chiang Pin-Kung

said in an interview.

He said this year's surplus, mamly from Taiwan's trade with the United States, was now expected to reach about \$13 billion. In response to increasingly fierce U.S. complaints over the

size of the surplus and threats of retaliation, Taipei early this year promised to slash 10 per cent off its surplus each year starting in

"It's a big question whether we can fulfil this promise this year," said Wang Chao-Ming, top economic adviser to Premier Lee Huan.

Taiwan's exports rose nearly 11 per cent in the first eight months of 1989, far outpacing import growth, which lagged at less than five per cent, Chiang said. He said the island had gained export momentum partly because of a windfall of unexpected orders shifted from South Korea, which was troubled by labour

crushed the pro-democracy movement in June. Taiwan's import growth slowed

because the island bought less gold than last year from the United States, he said. Taipei stopped purchases of

the metal in July 1988 after Washington criticised it for importing \$2.8 billion worth in 1988 to artificially reduce its trade sur-

The officials said U.S. pressure on Taiwan to open further its markets and to strengthen the local currency would continue. "It's no comfort for us to see

the trade surplus growing," Wang said. "U.S. pressure on us will

Bien Yu-Yuan, professor of economics at National Taiwan University, agreed, saying: "A rising trade surplus offers excuses for the U.S. that there is still room for appreciation of our currency." The local unit has appreciated over 50 per cent against the U.S. dollar...

But officials took comfort from a drop in Taipei's huge foreign exchange reserves, long criticised by Washington, that have declined to \$74.4 billion from \$75.7 billion at the end of July.

They said the outflow of money to fund Taiwan's overseas investment and travel boom and the island's mounting invisible trade deficit would help to offset the increase in the trade surplus. The capital outflow is expected to reach \$12 billion this year.
Officials also said Taiwan

would continue to slash tariff rates, a process started two years

Iraqi Airways seeks financing omous enterprise, has won gov-BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi Iraqi Airways was considering Airways is seeking Arab and inernment support to seek finance buying American-made Boeing ternational finance to modernise 767s or European-made Airbus from the international money A-310s or A-320s to replace market and it is ready to pay

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AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

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Swiss franc	377.7	381.5	Belgian franc (for 10)	156.8	158.4

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — News Corp's warning of lower 1989/90 profits, a high Australian dollar and weaker finishes in London and Tokyo depressed the All Ordinaries index 8.3 points to 1747.5.

TOKYO — A discount rate hike by the Bank of Japan knocked the wind out of the market. The Nikkei fell 136.28 to 35.240.07. HONG KONG - Prices of blue chips closed lower despite Governor David Wilson's announcement of an ambitious new infrastructure development plan. The Hang Seng index fell 36.26

SINGAPORE — The Straits Times industrial index surged to another post-crash high of 1,428.98, up 8.07.

BOMBAY - Share prices finished mixed. Brokers said the market was undermined by fresh revelations about pay-offs in a \$1.3 billion government arms deal. FRANKFURT — The DAX index dived 32.36 points — almost

two per cent — to 1,604.05 under the impact of a three pfenning rise in the dollar. ZURICH -- Interest rate worries depressed shares. The All-Swiss performance index lost 9.2 points to 1,185.3.

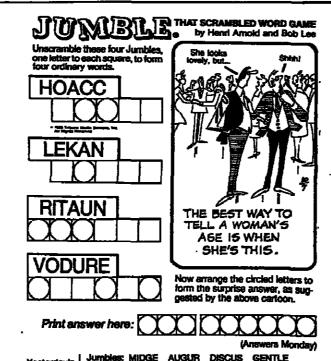
PARIS - Shares eased but financials Paribas and Suez made strong gains.

LONDON - The dollar's strength arised doubts whether U.N. interest rates may not rise yet further. The FTSE index was unchanged at 2218.8. NEW YORK - Stocks fell further in what analysts said looked

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Committee to train Algerian team

ALGIERS (R) - A committee of four will take charge of Algeria's national soccer team for their last World Cup qualifying match against Egypt next month, the Algerian news agency APS said on Tuesday. The committee will replace coach Kamel Lemoni, who resigned on Monday after Algeria's poor 0-0 draw against the Egyptians in the home match in the eastern city of Constantine on Sunday. Algeria had been counting on a decisive victory to cushion a possible draw or defeat in Cairo on November 17. APS quoted Omar Kezzal, president of the Algerian Football Federation, as saying the committee would consist of three Algerian trainers and a general manager who would be entrusted with them selection and coaching. Algeria, at one time one of Africa's strongest sides, qualified for the 1982 and 1986 World Cap finals. But they have slipped badly in recent years and Algerian sports commentators give them little chance of reaching next year's finals in Italy.

Irish fans warned to stay at work

DUBLIN, Ireland - Irish sports fans have been told not to call in sick with soccer fever when the national team plays a big world cup match this week. Employers said that a 1 a.m. kickoff for Wednesday's match between Ireland and northern Ireland at Lansdowne Road Stadium could lead to widespread absenteeism. The early afternoon kickoff has been set to try to avoid crowd trouble. The federated union of employers, which represents Ireland's major industries, said workers who called in sick and went to the match or stayed home to watch it live on television would be disciplined. "It would be entirely wrong for people to go sick, as it were," Jim O'Brien, a spokesman for the group, said. O'Brien said he would watch a video recording of the match after

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which have an aura of mystery about them. We receive many letters from readers who do not understand the term "dummy reversal." Normally, when you play a hand you try to use dummy's trumps for ruffing your losers, and your trumps to draw the enemy's fangs. When you "reverse" the dummy, you are simply turning that procedure upside down—you treat dum-my as the master hand and use your

trumps for ruffing.

to have high trumps in dummy Consider this hand. Six spades is an excellent contract despite the fact that the combined high card count is only 27. The fact that there is no duplication in clubs is what makes it so good. Note North's jump to four spades. His

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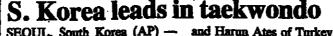
two no trump had limited his hand, so his jump described a holding greatly improved because of his fit for both of declarer's suits. The defenders made their book on the opening lead, and declarer was faced with the possibility of a heart loser. He ruffed the club coutinuation, and his first chore was to find out how the trumps were distributed. When both defenders fol-

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ciaim his contract. He ruffed another club, crossed to the jack of diamonds and ruffed dummy's remaining club with his last trump. He got back to the table with the ace of hearts and drew the high trump. Ou this trick he discard ed a heart from hand. His hand now was high, and four red-suit winners





SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -South Korea, the home of tackwondo, held the third-day lead in the 9th world tackwondo championships Wednesday with three. gold medals in men's and women's competition.

Taiwan's Chin Yu-Fan stopped South Korea's gold medal sweep Wednesday by outpointing Monica Torres Amarilla of Mexico 2-0 in the women's finweight division.

It was Taiwan's first gold medal after two days of preliminary competition that began Monday at Seoul's Chamsil gymnasium. Sita Kumari Rai of Nepal shared the bronze medal with Kim Jee-Hyang of South Korea in the under 43-kilogramme class. Kwon Tae-Ho of South Korea

Mike Tyson

Tyson holds

ALBANY, New York (AP)

Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson sparred for a half-

hour and signed autographs at a

boxing clinic Monday morning as

part of his sentence for speeding

Tyson also sparred at St.

Joseph's Youth Centre over the

weekend, and his trainer said he

looks good for his upcoming de-

fense against Canadian champion "Razor" Ruddock. That fight is

scheduled for Nov. 18 in Edmon-

tremendous physical workouts.

He is in great physical condi-tion," trainer Aaron Snowwell

Tyson moved his camp to

Albany Thursday so he could be

available for the clinics, said Paul

Sciria, a Tyson spokesman. Tyson was ordered by judge

Stephen Safranko to hold the

clinics and pay a \$300 fine after

pleading guilty in August to speeding. Tyson originally had

been ordered to hold the clinics

by Saturday, but his attorney, John Hicks, struck a deal with

Safranko allowing an extension to

Monday. Safranko said Tyson

faced resentencing if he failed to

hold the clinics Monday.

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"He gave his sparring partners

twice here last summer.

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children

captured the men's finweight title with a decision over Chang Jung-San. The bronze was shared by Juan Moreno of the United States

and Harun Ates of Turkey, who lost 3-2 to Chang in the semi-

Jang Hyuk in the men's featherweight class and Kim So-Young in the women's featherweight division were South Korea's two other gold medallists. In the semifinals, Kim So-

Young overpowered Patricia Mariscal of Mexico 4-0, the Mexican shared the women's under 55-kilogramme bronze with Raouel Palacios of Spain. In the six-day, eight-category competition, 446 tackwordo competitions — 310 men and 136

battling for 16 titles. Tackwondo is an ancient Korean martial art using kicks, chops and blows. South Korea, unbeaten since 1971, is expected to win this year's team title in the Biennial world championships.

women — from 58 countries are

Golz wins cycling classic

TURIN, Italy (AP) — West Germany's Rolf Golz Tuesday won the Milan-To-Turin cycling classic for the second consecutive year, outsprinting Norway's Erik Pedersen, Switzerland's Tony Rominger and Spain's Marino

Leiarreta. The four began their final push as they raced down the steep slope of Sulperga hill on the outskirts of Turin. Golz sprinted ahead of the others 200 metres from the finish, raising his arms in triumph as he scored his first

major win of the season. Golz won with an average speed of 43.208 kilometre per

hour and covered the 214kilometre mostly flat course in four hours, 57 minutes and 10

Pedersen made a final rush but could not close the distance and finished second, followed by Rominger and then Lejarreta, all in the same time as Golz.

Italy's Alberto Volpi edge Andrew Hampsten of the United States for fifth place, 16 seconds behind Golz. The pack finished 58 seconds behind.

"Now I'm feeling fit at last," said Golz, who suffered from bronchitis during the Milan-San Remo race in March.

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Soviets open up on drug abuse

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union, until recently extremely secretive about problems in its sports programmes, is now at the forefront of the international campaign to fight drug abuse among athletes, says a leading Canadian sports administrator.

"In the last nine months, the Soviets have made absolutely extraordinary admissions about athletes testing positive that previously would have been unheard of," said Lyle Makosky, head of the Canadian delegation to a mul-ti-national anti-doping sympo-sium that began in Moscow on Tuesday.

"I know of no other country that has made such a dramatic shift in such little time," Makosky

He said the new openness generated in Moscow was essential to the international campaign against drug abuse by athletes.

"In the past, everyone in one bloc pointed the finger at the other," Makosky said. "Now you have a real acceptance that drug abuse is an international

perienced sports officials have convened in Moscow to try to form a united front against the misuse of drugs.

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"It is not easy to accomplish and needs time," he said. "There proposed recommendations for are several problems, but if we out-of-competition testing, designed to catch drug users. could get common agreement "Until comparatively recently, in, say, the top 25 or 30 countries the only testing for drug abuse was at major competitions where in sports, you would get to where a significant part of the antidoping problem lies."
U.S. hurdler Edwin Moses, a it was known in advance who would be tested," said Sir Arthur member of the IOC athletics Gold, chairman of a conference

Out-of-competition testing, im-

proved education about the dan-

gers of drugs, emphasis on the

rights and responsibilities of

athletes and efforts to stop the

international trade in banned

substances are being discussed at

the second world conference on

The meeting, which runs through Thursday, will take up

anti-doping in sports.

only people who were ever de-tected were the careless or the ill-advised. "Drugs are rarely abused on the day of competitions. So to eradicate them, we have to concentrate on the time when they are being abused, such as in the early days of training. To do that,

working group on the issue. "The

we need a complete protocol procedure by which we can do it." Some countries, such as Norway and Sweden, already impose national out-of-competition test-

"That's the thrust for defeating the doping problem," he said.

Moses added that athletes were not the only people to blame.

"We need to be very vigilant to make sure that individuals who work with our athletes coaches, trainers and sometimes even doctors, are not a part of the doping problem but instead become part of the solution."

and now chairman of the British

Olympic association, said others

international out-of-competition

testing," Gold said. "It's a wide-

ranging, complex subject and although you can't test everyone

all the time, the deterrent would

commission and chairman of the

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ance abuse committee, said out-

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3- Mohammad Ghareeb	Araby	Owner	

Owner	. Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Hany El Hadeed	Mashhour	Owner	Ahmad	58
2- Salih Mohammad El Assali	Talisa	Owner		58
3- Mohammad Ghareeb	Araby	Owner	Mostafa	56
4- Riad A. El Hafiz	J. Diban	Owner	Samy	54.5
5- Samir Khalil Haddadin	M. Tarik	Owner	Jamai	54
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- Feyadh Mohammad El Assaf	Matakhir	Owner		51.4
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THIRD RACE 3.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES **DISTANCE 1400 METRES**

1-	Mohammad Hamdan El Adwan	El Falsiy	Owner	Ahmad	56
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FOURTH RACE 3.50 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES **DISTANCE 1400 METRES**

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	1- Hany El Hadeed	Rose	Owner	Mousa	58.5
	2- Nimir El Hmoud	B. Rabadan	Rida		56.5
	3- Nimir El Himoud	B. Shams	Rida	Histy	54.5
	4- Najia Wasii Bsharat	Mashalel	Khaireldin	Resheed	56.5
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	9- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Hamdanleh	Abbas		54.5
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	11- Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	Asheer	Zaldan	George	50
	12- Nawai Anwar El Shalan	Raad	Zaidan	Kasim	50

FIFTH RACE 4.10 FOR THIRD & SECOND CLASS HORSES **DISTANCE 1600 METRES**

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Karnal Wash Bsharat	H. El Roman	Khaireidin	Rasheed	62
2- Karnel Wast Bsharat	Naamain	Khaireldin	Salah	56
3- Ally Fareed El Saad	J. Esaad	Khaireidin	Younla	59
4- Aly Fareed El Sead	Saad Ally	Khaireldin	Mostafa	58
5- Naila Wash Bsharat	Wardan	Khaireldin	Jamai	59
6- Ghalib Haddadin	El Tamouh	Owner	Salamih	60
7- Nimir El Hmoud	Hattab	Rida	Hiary	58
8- Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	Abshir	Zaidan	George	54
9- Marndouh Anwar El Shalan	Elasy	Zaidan	Kasim	50

SIXTH RACE 4.30 FOR THIRD & SECOND CLASS HORSES **DISTANCE 1400 METRES**

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t- Aly Fareed El Saad	F. Noef	Khaireldin	Jamal	55.5
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3- Ziad Samy Yacoub Madros	Min Kareem	Adnan	George	59
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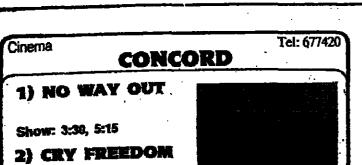
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A Sinhalese extremist hands over his weapon to a Buddhist monk in the presence of a policeman in Puttalam, in north-west Sri Lanka. At least 869

rebels surrendered since a six-day ceasefire was declared two weeks ago.

Violence rages ahead of Colombo peace conference

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Twenty-one people were killed in Sri Lanka, six of their bodies found burning on the roadside, while political parties prepared to meet Thursday to seek peace for the island.

Military sources and residents said the bodies of six unidentified men were found burning on piles of tyres Wednesday at Dodangoda, seven kilometres from Kalu-

tara town in the south. According to th AP police found the bodies of 80 Sinhalese youths bound and shot along a road in southern Sri Lanka

The bodies were found along a

35-kilometre stretch of road between the towns of Panadura and Mataguma in Kalutara district, 40 kilometres south of Colombo, said police officials quoted by the

Sources quoted by Reuters could not confirm what the news agency said were rumours that 80 people had been killed in the same area by death squads hunting leftwing rebels.

The sources said nine others were killed and dumped on the banks of the Kelani River at Hanwella, 30 kilometres south of Colombo Tuesday.

A government statement said three rebels and three policemen

were killed in separate clashes in the 24 hours up to Wednesday

The violence erupted as 21 political parties were due to attend a conference Thursday chaired by President Ranasinghe Premadasa that will examine proposals to end the bloodshed.

Premadasa has agreed to consider an opposition proposal to dissolve parliament and hold fresh elections under a caretaker government. The proposal is expected to be placed before the conference.

The leftwing People's Libera-tion Front has been trying to oust,

E. Berlin slams protesters, but hopes for talks flicker

EAST BERLIN (Agencies) — East Berlin's hardline Marxist government has stepped up attacks on pro-democracy protesters, but hopes of compromise flickered in two cities worst hit by demonstrations and riots.

East Germany's Interior Ministry said in its first account of last weekend's nationwide protests that 103 policemen were injured, some seriously, by "rampaging hooligans."

"Hoolingans, jumped-up row-dies and criminal elements shouted anti-state slogans and attacked police. They threw stones, bottles, firebombs and hit out brutally and ruthlessly with steel bars and other objects," the statement, read out on evening television news, said.

But the same broadcast

brought a startling statement of qualified sympathy from a leader of the workers militia used tobreak up protests in cities throughout the country.

Wolfgang Rosch, deputy leader of the Leipzig militia, said he decried a protest by up to 70,000 in his city Monday night, even though it passed off peacefully. "But we showed we are ready

to seek understanding. We have our own questions and worries that to some extent are the same as those of the people who went on the streets," he said. One local unit of the Leipzig

militia warned shortly before Monday night's protest in front of the central Nikolai church that they were ready, to rise, "if necessary with weapon in hand," to

Tensions eased in nearby Dresden, hit by the fiercest rioting of the last week, after news of an unprecedented meeting Monday between the city's mayor and 20

The meeting bore first fruits with the release of about 500 protesters held over the last reek. Church sources said people were also being released in East

Dresden's Communist appar-atus is headed by First Secretary Hands Modrow, who is regarded as a leading moderate and seen by some as a possible successor to 77-year-old leader Erich Honecker. But it was not clear if he played any decisive role in the decision to hold contacts.

Tensions have eased in the key provincial cities since Monday night's Leipzig rally. Leipzig authorities also appear ready to meet protesters.

But the signals from the central party and government apparatus in East Berlin suggest high-level alarm over the sheer size of the Leipzig rally — the biggest since a failed anti-Communist rebellion Church officials night get some

idea of the thinking of top communist leaders if they are inivted for talks with East Berlin city authorities. But East Berlin Bishop Gottfried Forck told reporters Tuesday night:

"From the government side, there is no sign yet."

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NEW YORK (R) — America's premier condom-maker has decided bigger is better and is now marketing magnum size for larger men. Carter-Wallace, maker of Trojans, America's biggest selling brand, said its research showed that contrary to popular wisdom "one size doesn't fit all." So it made magnum, which is 20 per cent bigger than the standard size. "Based on Kinsey data, over 70 per cent of men could be more comfortable using a larger size condom, and informal studies through our customer service department support this need," Carter products Marketing Diretor Scott Hoyt said. The Kinsey Institute at the University of Indiana carries out surveys of sexual habits in the United States. Suggested retail price is \$1.50 for the three-pack and \$5.25 for the 12-pack.

'General's' tales land him in prison

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) -A con man who wooed women, with false tales of his exploits as the nation's youngest major-general and his work for the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) was sentenced to 15 months' psychiatric treatment in a prison hospital Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Earl E. o'Connor ordered Robert S. Lyons, 35, to undergo treatment at a medical centre in Springfield, Missouri, or Rochester, Minnesota. Lyons was also fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year. He faced up to three years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Lyons pleaded guilty in July to falsely impersonating a federal officer. "I'm sorry for this episode and the entire train of events," the water purification salesman told the judge

Hunter ignores

dead body BENTONVILLE, Arkansas (AP) — A squirrel hunter delayed reporting the discovery of a body because he feared the ensuing investigation would spoil the next day's hunt, a prosecutor said. No charges have been filed gainst the hunter, but the cas remains under investigation, said Benton County prosecutor David Clinger. Clinger said charges that could be filed include obstruction of government operations or hindering prosecution. Sheriff Andy Lee said Wednesday the hunter who found the decomposed body of Dana Stidham of Centerton Sept. 16, went hunting the next morning before notifying the sheriff's office. Lee declined to identify the hunter. "He said if he called Sunday morning before he went hunting it would mess up the woods, which I think is a very bad attitude," Lee said. "I'm not at all pleased with the way he handled the situation, and I'm not sure this is the end of it." He said he didn't know how many squirrels the hunter had bagged during the two days of hunting.

Thieves walk off with pocket-sized Renoir

BRUSSELS (R) — Thieves walked into a Brussels art museum and stole a tiny painting by the French impressionist Auguste Renoir while attendants were not looking, a museum spokeswoman said Thursday. Museum staff discovered the painting had been removed from its frame Wednesday afternoon, she said. The museum doors were immediately closed and police searched 300 visitors, but the thieves had already escaped. Entitled "nude", the painting measured 16 by 18 centimetres and was worth about two million Belgian francs (\$50,000).

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Nobel prize doesn't make everyone happy

PARIS (R) - French protests over the award of the 1989 Nobel Prize for Medicine to two Americans were rejected Tuesday by the Nobel Com-

Eminent members of the committee, which honoured J. Michael Bishop and Harold E. Varmus Monday, dismissed complaints that they had overlooked French scientist Dominique Stehelin.

France's government-run CNRS Research Institute issued no formal protest on behalf of one of its star scientists but much of the French scientific community was in uproar, supporting Stehelin's claim that he was mainly responsible for the 1976 break-through in cancer research mentioned in the Nobel cita-

"We have given the prize to Bishop and Varmus and think it was the right choice," Jan Sweden's Nobel Medicine Committee, said in Stockholm. Professor Peter Reichard,

another member, said the committee was naturally aware of Stehelin's work on cancer research with the 1989 laureates in California in the early 1970s.

"But we came to the clear conclusion that Bishop and Varmus were instrumental in the whole procedure. They were indispensable while Stehelin — and others — were not," he told Reuters. Stehelin himself was clearly

"I conceived the experiments, I carried them out alone, and I was the first signatory of the two articles in the Journal of Molecular Biology and in Nature in 1976, Stehelin told the Paris daily Le

'I don't want the Nobel, but I do want my work to be recognised," said Stehelin, now aged 45 and research director at the Pasteur Institute in Lille, northern France.

Bishop and Varmus, of the University of California at San Francisco, Monday praised Stehelin's contribution.

But Bishop said he and Varmus conceived the experiments which their young French colleague, then a post-doctoral fellow, carried out.

"This is an issue that is debated almost every year and will have to be left to the Nobel Committee," Bishop told a news conference, alluding to the problem of apportioning credit for drawn-out research involving numerous scientists.
Official French sources said

earlier Tuesday that the CNRS (Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique) would make a public protest but French ire cooled during the

Francois Kourilsky congratulated Bishop and Varmus while saluting Stehelin's contribu-

"Beyond prizes and indi-vidual rewards, man and society are the first beneficiaries (of research)" Kourilsky said in a statement after a meeting with colleagues for several hours.

The carefully-worded statement appeared to be aimed at heading off conflict between the Nobel Committee and the dominant French scientific institute which runs 1,300 laboratories and employs 17,000 researchers and engineers.

Peking protests

Meanwhile, China has protested formally to Norway over the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the "political gangs-ter" the Dalai Lama, the People's Daily reported Wednesday.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

ATHENS (AP) — Supreme Court President Ioannis Grivas was

picked Wednesday to head a service government that will lead

Greece to elections in November, only five months after the last

voting. The 66-year-old Grivas' appointment came as no surprise

since he had been frequently mentioned as the likeliest candidate

to take the country to general elections Nov. 5. President Christos

Sartzetakis summoned Grivas to the downtown Athens presiden-

tial palace where he was handed the mandate to put together an

interim cabinet, an official announcement said. Grivas respected

for his detailed knowledge of the intricate Greek legal system, began his career in 1954 and rose quickly through the judicial

MANILA (R) — A powerful typhoon ripped through the Philippines Wednesday, killing at least 26 people and forcing 60,000 to flee their homes, rescue officials said. President

Corazon Aquino said damage from Typhoon Dan was consider-

able and urged the country to unite to face the disaster. "Let us

not waste precious time bickering over political issues," she said,

in apparent reference to the divisions caused by the death in

Hawaii of Ferdinand Marcos. "Let us act promptly in the

traditional Filipino way - unselfishly and generously," she

declared in a press statement, saying she would release emergency

funds for the typhoon-hit regions. Dan, the second typhoon to hit

the country in six days, sparked floods and landslides, uprooted

trees and power lines, and forced the closure of schools, government offices and Manila airport. It blacked out Manila for

more than 12 hours. Reports from the Red Cross, government

officials and the military said at least 85,000 people in Manila and

Judge chosen to take Greece to polls

Drugs, debt, Panama to dominate Latin summit

ICA, Peru (R) — Seven Latin American presidents were scheduled to meet here Wednesday to tackle drug problems facing the region, the quandary of limited progress on debt and the question of what, if any, action to take against Panama.

'The issue (of Panama) will be discussed directly by the presidents in Ica." Uruguay's Foreign Minister Luis Barrios Tassano told reporters Tuesday after a preparatory foreign ministers meeting in the northern Peruvian city of Trujillo.

The so-called "group of eight" Latin American countries is holding its third annual summit since the regional grouping was formed in 1986 to coordinate a position on themes such as debt, trade and development as well as promote democracy within the region. In a new spirit of cooperation

with Washington on narcotics, the presidents of the region's three major cocaine producers Tuesday asked President George Bush to hold talks on joint action against the drugs lords.

Presidents Alan Garcia of Peru, Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia and Virgilio Barco of Colombia welcomed Bush's decision last month to earmark \$8 billion to the drugs fight and invited him

to meet them within 90 days. White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater said in Washington that Bush had accepted the invitation for talks but no date or place has yet been announced.

Other leaders of the group, of which Bolivia is not a member, are expected to join in endorsing recent initiatives on drugs at their two-day summit at this resort town, 300 kilometres south of

Brazil's foreign minister, Roberto de Abreu Sodre, said Tuesday the group would declare all-out war on drug smuggling, which in Colombia has already turned into a bloody conflict between the government and cocaine

cartels. Other countries fear the trade will spread to their areas. Less clear is how strong a

position the presidents will take on Panama, which was suspended from the group in February, 1988 after a military coup and where General Manuel Antonio Noriega earlier this month put down an army revolt.

"Some countries want a break and others want a severe condemnation of the situation in Panama," de Abreu Sodre told reporters during the foreign ministers meeting in Trujillo.

Peru's foreign minister, Guillermo Larco Cox, said Panama's annulment of elections last May was "a mockery of democratic

President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela said in Caracas Tuesday that "the current regime lacks all legality and legitimacy.' Both Peru and Venezuela favour expulsion, diplomatic sources

Extraditables claim killing of journalists

BOGOTA (AP) — Drug trafity for killing an administrator and circulation manager of a crusading anti-drug newspaper and breatened to kill the rest of it Medellin staff.

A magazine journalist and four other people also were gunned down late Tuesday night in Medellin, Colombia's cocaine trafficking capital.

The killings in Medellin followed 13 bombings in three other Colombian cities late Monday and early Tuesday — the worst spate of attacks since the country's drug traffickers began open warfare with the government nearly two months ago.

Last month, a carbomb exploded outside the main offices in Bogota of the 102-year-old El Espectador newspaper, injuring scores of bystanders and causing extensive damage.

In a telephone call to El Espectador Tuesday, a man said a group called the extraditables would kill the 11 members of the paper's Medellin staff if they did not leave the city in three days, an editor at the paper said.

ble for Tuesday's killings of the paper's administrator and circulation manager for the city of two million, said the editor. Drug traffickers have issued

statements under the name the Extraditables. The group's name refers to the vulnerability of smugglers to extradition to the United States on drug trafficking charges. In announcing the country's

anti-drug campaign, President Virgilio Barco reinstituted emergency decrees restoring an extradition treaty with the United States and empowering security forces to seize the property of cocaine hosses.

Millions of dollars in property allegedly belonging to the traffickers has since been seized then, but only one reputed highlevel drug figure has been extra-dited to the United States.

Killed within an hour of each other Tuesday afternoon were El Espectador's Medellin administrator, Martha Luz Lopez, 35, and its circulation manager for the city, Miguel Soler, 45. Both were shot by gunmen travelling on

AB Bofors still haunts Gandhi

Opposition members waved

copies of a newspaper carrying the disclosures and demanded that Gandhi answer new reports aleging kickbacks were paid in the 1986 purchase of artillery guns from the Swedish company, AB Bofors.

Party, who have a 142-100 majority in the Rajya Sabha, or House of the Nation, shouted back, trying to drown out opposition members who chanted "corrupt Rajiv Gandhi, resign, resign.

a special four-day session. walked out when the chairman, Vice President Shankar Dayal Sharma, said he would permit a discussion on the newspaper re-

The Hindu, a Madras-based daily newspaper, said in a frontpage story Monday that there was new evidence showing that kickbacks were paid on the Indian government's \$1.4-billion deal to

Newspapers have alleged the Gandhi's government. Gandhi has repeatedly denied the The allegations were first made

in 1987 but have re-surfaced in recent months as the usually fractious opposition tries to form a coalition in an effort to unseat Gandhi in national elections due by January.

have included the resignations of 100 parliament members from the 542-seat lower house, or Lok Sabha, in August. The resigning members claimed the ruling Congress Party was using its majority to stifle discussion on the Bofors gun deal

The opposition legislators said secret portions of a report by the Swedish National Audit Bureau reveal that at least \$31 million were paid to a Panamabased company, whose majority owner was the Indian agent of Bofors in New Delhi

six neighbouring provinces had homes damaged or flooded as the typhoon left a belt of destruction across the country. Police foil IRA escape

Typhoon slams Philippines

BELFAST (R) — Police have foiled a plot by up to 30 Irish nationalist prisoners to blast their way out of a top security jail using explosives concealed in shoe heels, security sources said Wednesday. Police found balls of the Czechoslovak-made explosive Semtex — powerful enough to blast open doors — in shoes belonging to Irish Republican Army (IRA) immates of the Crumlin road jail in Belfast, the Northern Ireland capital. The shoe heels had been hollowed out and bonded together again. All 570 prisoners were promptly ordered to remove their socks and shoes, and given replacements while 200 officers scoured the prison for explosives, guns and ammunition.

Pope flies to Christian outpost

MAUMERE, Indonesia (R) - Pope John Paul took a noisy, bumpy ride in a military transport plane Wednesday to visit the Island of Flowers, a remote Christian outpost at the dusty eastern end of Muslim dominated Indonesia. The pontiff, on the third day of his Indonesian tour, island-hopped in two planes to make the five-hour journey to Flores, whose 1.3 million population is 85 per cent Catholic, one of the few regions in the country where they are dominant. At a mass for 60,000 people at a sweltering, dusty football stadium on one of Indonesia's poorest islands, the Pope again emphasised Catholic loyalty to the country, which has the world's largest Muslim community. "As Catholics and Indonesians, you are taking full part in the life of your country by working courageously to promote the common good," he said at a mass held against a backdrop of volcanoes whose lush vegetation contrasts with the parched brush of the rest of the island.

Ruling gives go-ahead for shuttle

WASHINGTON (R) - A judge Tuesday gave the go-ahead for the launch of the space shuttle Altantis and its plutoniumpowered probe Galileo, which anti-nuclear groups argued could cause a nuclear disaster worse than Chernobyl. The ruling quashed the first attempt to use the American court system to stop a civilian space launch and cleared the way for blast-off. The launch had been scheduled for Thursday but trouble with the shuttle's main engine forced the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to delay the launch for at least five days, an official announced Tuesday night. The \$1.4 billion Galileo, containing 48 pounds of plutonium, will be deployed after the lamch from Cape Canaveral, Florida. It will travel once around Venus and twice around Earth before it arrives at Jupiter in

U.S. gives refuge to Panama dissidents

Lima.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) ---Forty-two dissidents were brought to the United States for protection over the weekend after last week's aborted coup in Panama, the State Department said Tuesday.

In a related development, the

Bush administration came under heavy criticism for initially telling reporters the United States was not involved in the failed attack on Genereal Manuel Antonio Noriega, then admitting later U.S. troops blocked two roads at the rebels' request.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said family members of Major Moises Giroldi, who was said to have led the move to topple Noriega, were among those given refuge.

She refused to name the indi-

viduals or say where they were staying but published reports put them in hiding in the Miami area. U.S. officials are debriefing the Panamanians for details of the coup attempt. "They were admitted on huma-

nitarian grounds" and are under the sponsorship of the U.S. Catholic Conference, which. among other things, aids asylees and refugees, she told reporters. "And I can tell you the U.S. Catholic Conference will assist them in resettling either temporarily or permanently in the Un-

ited States," she added. The Immigration and Natur-

alisation Service (INS) is prepared to review applications for political asylum if such requests are made by the 42 dissidents, Tutwiler said. Panamanian authorities said

Giroldi was one of 10 rebels killed during the failed coup, which was put down by Noriega lovalists. Anti-Noriega forces have charged that Noriega executed at least a dozen officers, including Giroldi. Since indicting Noriega on drug trafficking charges two years ago.

the United States has tried to oust

him from office through econo-

mic sanctions and diplomatic President Bush publicly encouraged Panamanians to revolt against Noriega and his administration gave limited help to rebels last week by blocking the two roads that could have been used

by Noriega loyalists. At her daily news briefing, Tutwiler insisted there was no intent to conceal information from the public. Events were moving fast and U.S. policy ivolved manay different people. not all of whom knew ever thing

others were doing, she said. When her deputy told reporters Oct. 3 there was no U.S. involvement "that was Richard's understanding from people that we depend on who tell us these:

things," she said. White House spokesman Mar-



Manuel Noriega lin Fitzwater admitted he was wrong when he told reporters U.S. forces blocked roads only to protect U.S. personnel under

Panama Canal treaty rights. He acknowledged the U.S. action "was also requested by apparently the wife of Giroldi. The Pentagon disclosed that coup leaders at one point argued over whether to turn Noriega

over to the United States.

Officials have broadened their power to fire public workers and frozen their wages under new laws that an opposition leader described as "repressive" steps toward a police state. A covernment communique.

released Tuesday night after a meeting of the cabinet controlled by Noriega, said the government also eliminated some government bonuses in order to protect "the economy and the national security from the aggression of the U.S. government."

The anonymous caller said motorcycles.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The opposition walked out of the Upper House of Parliament Wednesday after a row with members of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party over the latest revelations in a multimillion-dol-

Members of Gandhi's Congress

Gandhi was not present when the Rajya Sabha was thrown into turmoil soon after the opening of

port but would not summon Gandhi.

buy guns from Bofors. Bofors paid \$50 million to clinch the contract and that some of the money went to senior members of

The opposition's efforts to focus public attention on the issue

Monday's article in The Hindu

The article said the Indian and Swedish governments appeared to have colluded in keeping that portion of the report secret and releasing a "sanitized" version.